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**YOSHI SEKI**/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Maj. Paul Melchior, from Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, squats Nov. 13 on a street in the Niigata earthquake zone, in front of a family's two-story home that collapsed in the Oct. 23 temblor. "The family is living in a tent," Melchior said Friday. "Winter is fast approaching, so some of the elderly who fall ill might not have the strength to make it to spring."



**Utah running back Quinton Ganner rushes 122 yards against BYU on Saturday in Salt Lake City. Utah beat BYU, 52-21, to go 11-0 for the season.**

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Iran's nuclear capabilities:** Iran said nuclear missiles are not a part of its defense policies and that such weapons "could not be hidden in today's world," one day before it was to suspend nuclear enrichment activities as part of an agreement it reached with European countries.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said he had seen intelligence that confirmed claims by an Iranian opposition group that Iran was secretly running a program intended to produce nuclear weapons by next year.

Iran has denied U.S. accusations and says its sole interest is to generate nuclear fuel through low-level uranium enrichment.

**Arafat's medical records:** Yasser Arafat's nephew arrived in Paris on Sunday to collect the Palestinian leader's medical records, which could explain the cause of his death.

Nasser al-Kidwa, who is also the Palestinian representative to the United Nations, would not say when he would collect the records.

The Palestinian Authority has promised to make public the cause of Arafat's death on Nov. 11 in a Paris-area military hospital.

**Terror suspects killed:** At least three suspected members of a Muslim extremist group were killed in a military airstrike on one of their alleged hideouts in the southern Philippines, an army commander said Saturday.

Military bombers pounded the suspected hide-out of the al-Qaida-linked groups Abu Sayyaf and Jemaah Islamiyah in the southern province of Maguindano on Friday.

Maj. Gen. Raul Relano, commander of the 6th Infantry Division, said an intelligence report indicated that 10 Abu Sayyaf and two Jemaah Islamiyah operatives were meeting in two houses, which were "pulverized" during the attack.

**Japan weapons export:** A key ally of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said Sunday he opposes major changes to Japan's ban on exports of weapons because it could rapidly transform the country into a global arms supplier.

The leader of the New Komeito party, Takemori Kanazaki, said an exception to the ban — allowing Japan and the United States to cooperate in building a missile defense system — could be made. But a dramatic relaxation shouldn't be allowed, he said.

## States

**Michael Jackson case:** The prosecution in Michael Jackson's child molestation case



**Fractious Ukrainian vote:** A Ukrainian soldier leaves a voting booth Sunday while other soldiers stand in line to receive ballots at a polling station during presidential elections in Kiev. Ukrainians cast ballots for president on Sunday, choosing between a Western-leaning reformer and the Kremlin-praised prime minister in a runoff election that many fear will erupt into unrest and violence. Supporters of both candidates — Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko — began complaining of voting problems just hours after the polls opened. The vote comes after months of tension that included widespread opposition allegations of official interference, claims that Yushchenko was poisoned and a cliffhanger first-round vote. Exit polls on Sunday afternoon showed Yushchenko in the lead.

## War on terrorism

has accused the defense of abusing the judicial process with sweeping demands for medical records of the alleged victim and his family.

In court records unsealed Friday, the Santa Barbara County district attorney's office blasted subpoenas from Jackson's team and a court order that bars people who received them from notifying prosecutors.

Jackson has pleaded not guilty to child molestation, conspiracy and administering an intoxicating agent — alcohol — to a boy. His trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 31.

**Trains in trouble:** Although Congress approved a \$1.2 billion subsidy for Amtrak, the money-losing passenger railroad still is careening toward a major disruption in service.

To save it, the Transportation Department's inspector general says, Congress must do more. Considering current Amtrak policies, says Inspector General Kenneth Mead, it's up to lawmakers to determine what must go and what may stay to restructure Amtrak and stop the hemorrhaging.

Mead said it's impossible to tell when the railroad will experience a major failure.

**Guantanamo detainees:** U.S. military review tribunals have ordered five more prisoners to remain held as enemy combatants in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, a Navy official said Saturday.

The decisions were made after the men appeared before Combatant Status Review Tribunals, which are intended to decide whether the approximately 550 detainees at the U.S. naval outpost in eastern Cuba are properly held as "enemy combatants" or should be freed, Navy Lt. Gary Ross said.

Of the 398 cases heard so far, 135 prisoners have been ordered held and one Pakistani prisoner has been freed, Ross said. Rollings on the rest are pending, though more than 150 cases have yet to be heard.

**Iraq debt write-off:** The Paris Club of creditor nations reached a deal Sunday to write off 80 percent of the debts Iraq owes them, a French finance ministry spokesman said.

Iraq owes about \$42 billion to the Paris Club, a grouping of 19 countries including the United States, Japan, Russia and European nations.

The deal marked a significant step in U.S. efforts to put the Iraqi economy back on its feet.

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# 2nd ID plans services for lost comrades



The first planeload of 2nd Infantry Division troops boards a chartered aircraft Aug. 2 at Osan Air Base, South Korea, for a flight to Kuwait, the first stop in the deployment to Iraq of the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, known as Strike Force. Since the deployment, 21 Strike Force soldiers have died, 18 from wounds received in combat.

FRANKLIN FISHER/Stars and Stripes

## Series of ceremonies will pay tribute to 2nd BCT troops killed in Iraq to date

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP RED CLOUD, South Korea — The 2nd Infantry Division will pay tribute Wednesday to 2nd Brigade Combat Team soldiers killed in Iraq, holding a series of ceremonies at posts throughout Warrior Country.

2nd ID spokesman Maj. Mike Lawhorn said the ceremonies will recognize the 21 Strike Force soldiers who have died in Iraq since their deployment began in August. Eighteen of the deaths are from wounds received in combat.

The memorial ceremonies will allow soldiers, who usually cannot attend funerals in the United States, to say farewell to their comrades, he said.

"We often use phrases like 'put our lives on the line' or 'make the ultimate sacrifice,' but these soldiers did exactly that," he said.

The largest ceremony is to be at Camp Red Cloud, with the division commander speaking. Individual units at other bases have organized several smaller ceremonies.

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Maj. Mike Lawhorn  
2nd ID spokesman

nies, Lawhorn said. Numerous 2nd ID units based in South Korea have sub-units or individuals serving in Iraq.

In a historic shift of forces from South Korea to an off-peninsula combat zone, 3,600 2nd Brigade soldiers were dispatched from their bases here. Instead of returning to South Korea, the 2nd Brigade will head to Fort Carson, Colo., where its tour is finished.

Most family members who were living in South Korea have since moved to their family homes or to stateside bases, officials have said.

Since late August, the 2nd Brigade has been operating in and around Ramadi, one of the centers of the insurgency that has roiled Iraq for months. The brigade falls under command of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, responsible for Al Anbar province west of Baghdad.

The 2nd Brigade assumed responsibility of the area from the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team. During its yearlong deployment, 1st Brigade sustained more than 500 casualties, including 50 fatalities.

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# Fellow soldiers watch for news of troops in Iraq

## Servicemembers in South Korea worry about the safety of friends deployed with Strike Force

CAMP RED CLOUD, South Korea — Second Infantry Division soldiers in South Korea say news of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's casualties in Iraq is a sober reminder of the real dangers their comrades face in the desert.

Second Brigade deployed to Iraq from South Korea in August and is serving in and around Ramadi, west of Baghdad. Many soldiers from 2nd ID units stationed in South Korea have friends serving with 2nd Brigade, known as Strike Force, and most helped train the Iraq-bound troops in June and July.

As of Friday, 21 Strike Force soldiers had died in Iraq.

Soldiers with friends in Strike Force watch the casualty reports carefully. Soldiers from throughout the division got to know members of 2nd BCT during training for the Iraq mission, which was supervised by 1st Brigade units.

One of the soldiers who helped train Strike Force, Maj. Douglas Willis, 35, of 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, said he hoped the training would keep his comrades safe.

"I got here on June 25, just in time to do the train-up with them," said the Quincy, Ill., native. "I know some of the battalion commanders and some staff officers. We did the movement to contact lane and traffic control point training at 'Twin Bridges,' a South Korean training area."

"You read about it (the casualties) and also within the division, you hear from fellow officers and NCOs what has happened

there," he said, "and we hope that with the training we provided them, they will continue to keep themselves safe."

News of the casualties helps focus soldiers in South Korea on their own training, he said. "The guys here know that whether they are with this unit or another, there is a high possibility they will be in Iraq in the near future."

Lt. Col. Brian Preler, commander of 4-7, said the casualty reports reinforce that the U.S. Army is at war.

"Anything is possible. We are an expeditionary army now. If you had told me a year ago that I would be standing at Twin Bridges in a mock-up of an Iraqi city, I would not have believed you," he said during a training exercise last month.

"It really hits home when you read about it in the paper. We trained those guys this summer and I got to know platoon commanders and platoon sergeants well."

2nd ID soldiers, while grieving for their fallen comrades, appear to accept the risk of dying on the battlefield as a part of their jobs.

Another 4-7 soldier who helped train Strike Force, Sgt. Kevin Proctor, 20, of Memphis, Tenn., said casualties are a fact of war.

"You are going to have them. There is no way around it," he said.

Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander, said the Army continues to support Strike Force families, many of whom are relocating to Fort Carson, Colo., where 2nd Brigade will be based after its Iraq mission.



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division's Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Armored Regiment tour an Iraq police station Sept. 16. As 2nd ID's casualty toll mounts, troops in South Korea are fearing for their friends' safety.

SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

"It's human nature" to follow the reports, he said last month. "These are our guys and we are still taking care of their families through our Family Readiness Group. We are deeply committed to staying with them until they finish their mission in Iraq."

One group of 2nd ID soldiers in South Korea is paying particular attention to news about Strike Force: the 2nd BCT KATUSAs (Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army), who were left behind when the unit deployed.

Sgt. Kook Jung-hoon, 25, of Seoul, served with 2nd Brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company before the unit deployed and now is assigned to the division's Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

"We were very concerned about our friends who had to leave," Kook said.

Some KATUSAs wanted to go to Iraq if they had the opportunity, "... but to be honest, I am sure some would be quite concerned about the dangerous environment they may have to face," he said.

"I still communicate with a lot of 2nd BCT KATUSAs over the Internet and we talk about our missing friends and commanders. We share e-mails about the news about 2nd Brigade. Whenever we find news about 2nd BCT in any media we send it to each other," he said.

The KATUSAs check the casualty stories to see if their friends have been hurt, he said.

"I had a friend with 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment. He and I used to work together. I haven't had a chance to e-mail him yet," he said, "but once I saw in the news that a 2-17 soldier died it made me worry about his safety."

— Seth Robson

# 'Mama-san,' Marines drive hours to aid quake victims

BY GREG TYLER  
Stars and Stripes

Americans at U.S. military installations throughout Japan expressed compassion for the Niigata Chuetsu earthquake victims by sharing their bounty, but possibly no one worked more diligently to alleviate victims' hardships than a "mama-san" and three U.S. Marines from Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12.

On Nov. 12, MALS-12 personnel Maj. Paul Melchior, Staff Sgt. MacDonald Moore, Pfc. Michael Kes and Machiko Hamamoto — referred to as "mama-san" by her traveling companions — packed into Melchior's rented van and headed northeast for 12½ hours to reach the region racked by the Oct. 23 earthquake and hundreds of subsequent tremors.

"When we first got there, we were driving around, not quite sure where to go," Melchior said. "Then we ended up at an emergency control center and standing right in front of Kawaguchi Town's mayor. He really put out a welcome for us; well, I mean considering the circumstances."

Hamamoto, speaking Japanese, explained to the mayor and others why she and three Marines traveled to the region from Iwakuni.

"She was a huge help," Melchior said. "The mayor appeared to be in a state of disbelief that we had come, and he wondered what it was that urged us to drive all the way up here."

"So, we explained that because it's our duty to help when people can't help themselves."

The four slept on the floor in the Kawaguchi Town Hall, courtesy of the grateful mayor.

Melchior said his small group stayed for two nights and worked three days cooking and serving victims approximately 500 hamburgers and 400 hot dogs. Melchior and crew absorbed all the costs for travel and the food.

"I'd say we spent about a day cooking but the rest of the time we helped where we could by moving water and gear to where it was needed most," he said.

"We are Marines, except mama-san, of course, and we are not fighting any wars around here right now, so we might as well be helping others," Melchior said Friday.

The 6.8 magnitude earthquake killed at least 40 people, injured thousands and caused severe damage to at least 20,000 houses, as well as Niigata roads and rail lines. Thousands of people remain homeless.

The earthquake caused about \$28.7 billion in damage, Niigata Gov. Hirohiko Izumida has estimated.

Japan's budget for the fiscal year ending in March has \$704.7 million set aside for natural disasters and about \$3.4 billion for contingencies. Government officials said that extra spending for reconstruction and disaster relief would be approved.

U.S. Ambassador Howard Baker provided Japan \$50,000 for disaster assistance, and a U.S. Embassy release on Nov. 5 stated that the United States would provide an additional \$100,000 to help the people of Niigata Prefecture.

Navy facility residents donated almost \$40,000; officials stated that another \$10,000 was expected soon from Atsugi Naval Air Facility, almost \$1,000 from Diego Garcia and \$4,500 from Sasebo Naval Base, according to a recent Stars and Stripes report. Other U.S. bases, including Yokota Air Base and Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, also have supplied aid.

The earthquake damage is obvious almost everywhere, the Iwakuni crew said. They reported seeing cracks in roads and manholes that had risen up from the street level. With most houses no longer livable, residents are sheltering in tents, Melchior said; some are living in their cars, afraid to sleep in the shaking tents.

"Even after the time that's passed since the earthquake, the place continues to move with the shaking nearly every hour. There is still a lot the people need there," he said.

Melchior is planning to drive back on Thanksgiving Day and stay through the weekend.

Hamamoto also is planning to return.

"I was impressed with the children eating the hamburgers, all with a smile," Hamamoto was quoted as saying in a Japanese news report.

"I heard that they wanted to eat meat and chicken, so we want to come back here again with foods," she added.

Melchior said they would welcome other volunteers, with a couple of conditions: Volunteers can't be easily rattled by the still-shaking ground and they must realize space in the van is limited. Based on the first trip, only two or three others could be squeezed in for the Thanksgiving journey, he said.

Call Melchior at DSN 253-2908 for more information.

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## Hawaii-based Marines deploy to Afghanistan

BY DAVID ALLEN  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Pacific Marines continue to be deployed to war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The latest regiment to get the call is the Hawaii-based Marines and sailors of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, which landed in Afghanistan last week after training in California, according to a Marine Corps news release.

The 1,000-strong regiment is part of the 3rd Marine Division, headquartered on Okinawa. According to the release, the regiment is to relieve the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, which is to return to Camp Lejeune.

The regiment left for Afghanistan after a training in the Southern California desert, the high Sierra Mountains and a special scenario-based training facility in San Diego.

"We've trained hard for this deployment," Lt. Col. Norm Coaling, the battalion's commanding officer, said upon landing. "I'm very proud of my Marines and sailors here on the far reaches of the world and am confident in their abilities to help the local population and destroy the anti-coalition forces that seek to enslave the Afghani people."

"We're here to further free-



RICH MATTHEW

Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Lance Plt. Mark Skorp, a rifleman with the Hawaii-based 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, rappels down a rock face during training at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Calif.

dom and democracy," he said upon landing.

The battalion is expected to be deployed for about seven months, mostly in the central and southeastern areas of Afghanistan bordering Pakistan, a mountainous region with strong pockets of Taliban insurgents still operating.

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## Tobacco cessation class at Sasebo

BASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — A tobacco cessation class is scheduled from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Nov. 30.

The class, to be taught by Sasebo Navy Branch Medical Clinic personnel, is to be held in Classroom F, Community and Education Center.

Call DSN 252-3624 for more information.

## M.C. Perry senior class holds yard sale

The Matthew C. Perry Class of 2005 at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, will sponsor a yard sale from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dec. 4 at "the triangle" between the commissary and the Kintai Inn.

The community donated items for the students to sell. All profits are to support the yearly senior trip.

From staff reports

## Misawa Naval Air Facility's "Turkey Feed"



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Senior Chief Marcelino Ruiz dishes out turkey to Petty Officer 3rd Class Steve Ecker at Misawa Naval Air Facility's "Turkey Feed" on Friday. Every year Navy chiefs and officers serve sailors traditional Thanksgiving fixings before the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Ruiz said chiefs and officers expected about 270 sailors.

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# Raids kill four in Afghanistan

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S.-led troops mounted overnight raids on suspected al-Qaida compounds in eastern Afghanistan, killing four people and detaining several others, officials said Sunday.

The U.S. military said "several Arab fighters" were among the suspects killed or detained in the operation in Nangarhar province, although a local official said only Afghans survived.

News of the operation came as the top American commander in Afghanistan told The Associated Press that al-Qaida suspects continued to slip across the nearby Pakistani frontier.

The overnight attack targeted several compounds which "had clear connections to al-Qaida," the military said in a statement.

It said the operation was launched partly on the basis of a tip-off from local residents and also netted a haul of weapons, explosives and cash.

Faizan ul-Haq, a spokesman for the provincial governor, said Afghan soldiers as well as Americans took part in the raid in Bat Kot district of Nangarhar.

He said the four people who were burned beyond recognition, making it impossible to check their nationality.

"We are not sure if they burned themselves before the operation started or if the Americans somehow burned them," ul-Haq said.

ul-Haq said the five people detained were a man named Syed Rahman and four members of his family.

He said that, according to local police, the four people who were killed had been guests at Rah-



AP

U.S. soldiers raise an American flag as Afghan National Army soldiers keep guard at a new U.S. base in Paktika province, about 120 miles southwest of Kabul on Sunday. Lt. Gen. David Barno, the American commander in Afghanistan, inaugurated the U.S. base to be used to foster reconstruction in the troubled border area.

man's house.

Nangarhar lies in a swath of Afghan territory where U.S. and allied Afghan forces continue to battle Taliban-led rebels three years after the fall of the hardline militia.

Lt. Gen. David Barno, the commander of the 18,000 mainly U.S. troops in Afghanistan, said rebels including al-Qaida fighters were still slipping in from Pakistan.

"There's continued infiltration back and forth on both sides of the border," he said in an interview after inaugurating a new U.S. base supposed to foster reconstruction

in the troubled border area.

American and Pakistani forces on either side of the frontier "work very closely ... to reduce that infiltration and strike back at the terrorists when they do come back and forth," he said.

The mountainous border zone is also a suspected hiding place for al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and his deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Barno said the military didn't know where they were but were poised for any sign of their whereabouts.

"Once we do find out where they are we'll move as rapidly as we can with our allies here in the region to capture or kill them," he said.

Barno and the U.S. ambassador also urged the Taliban to abandon

their armed struggle against the government of Afghan leader Hamid Karzai after his triumph in recent presidential elections. Karzai has offered an amnesty to all Taliban members except for several dozen leaders, and said his top priority now is fighting Afghanistan's booming narcotics trade.

Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said the U.S. government would next year allocate a "similar amount" to the \$2.3 billion spent on reconstruction in 2004, but that the drugs trade was weighing on Afghanistan's bond with its foreign backers.

U.S., British and Afghan officials are working on plans to crack down hard on opium and heroin traffickers after a U.N. report released on Thursday showed that opium poppy cultivation surged to a record this year.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,221 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 946 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said as of Friday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, which was last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EDT.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,083 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 837 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ One U.S. soldier was killed in an ambush Saturday in Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Dimitrios Gavriel, 29, New York, killed Friday in Anbar province, assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Phillip G. West, 19, American Canyon, Calif., killed Friday in Anbar province, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Luis A. Figueroa, 21, Los Angeles, killed Wednesday in Anbar province, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Michael W. Hanks, 22, Gregory, Mich., killed Wednesday in Anbar province, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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## Iraq election to be held Jan. 30

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's Electoral Commission on Sunday set national elections for Jan. 30, and a spokesman said ballots would be cast nationwide, including in areas now racked by violence.

The announcement reflects the Iraq and U.S. government's determination to push ahead with the vote despite escalating unrest — including heavy gunbattles in the streets of Baghdad, an insurgent uprising in Mosul, Iraq's third-biggest city, and persistent attacks across a central belt of the country.

U.S. forces in Mosul found two more bodies, including one of an Iraqi army soldier, on Sunday near a site where the bodies of nine Iraqi soldiers were found a day before, said Lt. Col. Paul Hastings with Task Force Olympia.

The nine were identified as soldiers based at al-Kisik, 30 miles west of Mosul. Four other decapitated bodies, still unidentified, were found in Mosul on Tuesday.

In an Internet statement posted Sunday, the terrorist group of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zar-

qawi, al-Qaida in Iraq, claimed it killed 17 Iraqi National Guardsmen from al-Kisik. The report could not be independently verified. Hastings said he had no report of missing Iraqi guardsmen.

U.S. and Iraqi forces in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, have been working the past week to put down an uprising launched by guerrillas who seized police stations and other sites.

In Ramadi, insurgents launched a deadly ambush Sunday in a guerrilla stronghold, killing eight Iraqi National Guardsmen and injuring 18 others, police said.

In Baghdad, four large explosions shook the area near the U.S.-guaranteed Green Zone after sundown Sunday. There was no word on any damage or casualties.

Iraqis will go to the polls to choose a national assembly, which will among other things draft a permanent constitution. The vote is seen as a major step toward building democracy after years of rule by Saddam Hussein.

The commission has asked the United Nations to send international monitors for the elections. Around 35 U.N. experts have already arrived.

# IN THE STATES

## Federal civilian workers to get 3.5 percent raise

BY CHRISTOPHER LEE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional negotiators reached agreement Saturday on a spending package that provides a 3.5 percent raise for federal civilian employees, more than double that sought by President Bush.

The pay increase was part of a \$388 billion omnibus spending package that was approved by the House and then the Senate later in the evening. The administration has warned that the pay increase may lead to severe agency belt-tightening and a reduction in the workforce.

The approval means that, for the first time in three years, the federal government's 1.8 million civilian employees will begin receiving higher pay in January. In the past two years, Congress' failure to complete spending bills until the new year left federal workers waiting for weeks to get the increase.

In February, Bush proposed a 1.5 percent average raise for civilian workers and a 3.5 percent increase for members of the armed forces. White House officials said the plan would allow all employees to keep up with inflation while rewarding the military during a time of war.

Lawmakers of both parties instead deferred to a two-decade-old tradition of

"pay parity" and granted civilian workers a raise equivalent to that awarded to the military. Supporters argued that many civilian workers, including employees of the CIA, the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, play vital roles in national security.

"This pay adjustment rewards them for their commitment and dedication to serving our country and protecting our citizens," House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said in a statement. Hoyer and Reps. Frank Wolf, R-Va., Thomas Davis III, R-Va., and James Moran Jr., D-Va., were the main House backers.

The White House said the 3.5 percent raise exceeds inflation and adds \$22 billion in spending for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

In a letter to Congress last week, Joshua Bolton, director of the White House's Office of Management and Budget, warned that the increase "would be very difficult for agencies to absorb ... and will likely require reductions in force or shifts of resources away from critical programmatic priorities."

Federal employee union leaders applauded the increase.

"We're very pleased at the bipartisan support that has been there for the pay raise all year," said Colleen Kelley, president of the National Treasury Employees Union.

## Congress passes spending bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans whisked a \$388 billion spending bill through Congress on Saturday, a mammoth measure that underscores the dominance of deficit politics by curbing dollars for everything from education to environmental cleanups.

The House approved the measure by a bipartisan 344-51 margin, while Senate passage was by 65-30.

Senate approval took longer because of disputes over provisions dealing with abortions and members of Congress' access to income tax returns. Leaders agreed to not send the spending package

to President Bush for his signature until the tax returns issue is resolved in a separate bill, expected to be passed by the House on Wednesday.

From its tight domestic spending to the Democratic-backed provisions on overtime and other issues that were dropped, the bill is a monument to the Republican's raw power controlling the White House and Congress. The bill and explanatory report, completed near midnight Friday, were about 14 inches tall.

"I'm very proud of the fact that we held the line and made Congress make choices and set priorities, because it follows our philosophy," said Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Texas Republican.

## Despite collapse, some lawmakers still hopeful about intel-reform bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An overhaul of the nation's intelligence agencies may still pass this year despite the collapse of a compromise bill, congressional leaders said Sunday.

"I still think there's a pretty good chance we're going to get intelligence reform," Senate Majority Whip Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on ABC's "This Week."

He said Congress would likely return Dec. 6 in an effort to pass the bill, which would create a powerful position to oversee the CIA and several other nonmilitary spy agencies. The bill was a compromise that was endorsed by House and Senate ne-

gotiators, the White House and the bipartisan Sept. 11 commission.

Congress was to have finished its session on Saturday.

Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" if the bill had a chance this year, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said: "I think so. I never believed that we wouldn't pass it, once we had the conference report signed."

Senate Intelligence Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., had flashed a "V" for victory with his hand after signing off on the deal on Saturday. Yet on Sunday, Roberts said the chances that Congress will pass the bill in December "are slim and none, and slim left town."

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# Garage worker is sole winner of \$149M lotto prize

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Newly minted multimillionaire Juan Rodriguez, who won the \$149 million Mega Millions lottery jackpot, said Sunday he hasn't quit his job at a midtown Manhattan parking garage — yet.

Asked what he plans to do with his millions, Rodriguez said, "I have no idea."

Family members and lottery officials joined Rodriguez, 49, a Colombian immigrant who came to the United States in 1982 and lives in Richmond Hill, Queens, at a news conference in front of the Second Avenue newsstand where he bought the winning ticket on Friday.

New York Lottery Director Nancy Palumbo said Rodriguez achieved part of his dream when he became a permanent U.S. resident in 1986.

"Today he's going to start living the rest of his dream as the richest man in New York Lottery history," she said.

Lottery officials said Rodriguez chose to take his winnings in a single payment of about \$88.5 million before taxes. Mega Millions winners in New York can also choose to accept the full payout in annual payments over 26 years.

In addition to the grand prize winner, 13 players matched all five numbers but not the Mega Ball number. They will receive second prizes of \$175,000 each.



Juan Rodriguez, 49, sole winner of a \$149 million lottery, left, and his wife, Iris, attend a news conference in New York on Sunday. The winnings from Friday night's Mega Millions drawing are said to be the biggest single jackpot payout in New York state lottery history.

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# State: Revised terror report still has errors

BY JOSH MEYER  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Five months after embarrassed State Department officials admitted to widespread mistakes in the government's influential annual report on global terrorism, internal investigators have found new and unrelated errors — as well as broader underlying problems that they say essentially have destroyed the credibility of the statistics it is based on.

In a 28-page report, the State Department's Office of Inspector General blamed the problems on sloppy data collection, inexperienced employees, personnel shortages and lax oversight. Investigators also concluded that the procedures used by the State Department, CIA and other agencies to define terrorism and terrorist attacks are so inconsistent that they can't be relied upon. The department's independent investigative unit concluded, however, that politics played no role in allowing so many mistakes to be published in the original version of the "Patterns of Global Terrorism" report for 2003.

The 2003 report said that terrorist attacks and related deaths had dropped to the lowest levels in three decades, and top Bush administration officials immediately touted it as proof of their success in the global war on terrorism.

But the underlying data actually showed a sharp increase to a

21-year high. The 199-page report, made public on April 29, also omitted any significant terrorist attacks occurring after an early November cut-off date, including bombings in Turkey that killed at least 62 people, and left out some terrorist activity in Chechnya, Iraq and other locations.

Those errors were fixed in a second version of the terrorism report, released on June 22. But six Democratic senators, suggesting the Bush administration was manipulating terror statistics for election-year political gain, asked Secretary of State Colin Powell to find out what had gone wrong, prompting the investigation by the inspector general. A copy of the inspector general's conclusions, marked "sensitive but unclassified," was obtained by the Los Angeles Times.

The annual report, mandated by Congress since 1987, is relied on by Congress and U.S. counterterrorism agencies in deciding how to wage the ongoing war on terror, and is translated into at least four languages so the public, academics and foreign governments can use it to assess trends in global terrorism.

A State Department spokesman declined to comment publicly on the internal report, but said the department has no plans to review or revise the 2003 "Patterns" document a second time.

The official said the State Department already is moving to overhaul the way it compiles terrorism statistics.

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## IN THE WORLD



President Bush, left, and Russian President Vladimir Putin wave to photographers prior to the leaders' group photo at the 2004 APEC Summit in Santiago, Chile, on Sunday.

# APEC talks look at security, economy

BY TERENCE HUNT

The Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile — President Bush tried to mend relations in Latin America with fresh promises of immigration reform Sunday while a new security spat surfaced with Chile after an embarrassing fracas in which Bush intervened.

What was supposed to have been an elaborate state dinner with 200 people Sunday was downgraded to an official working dinner, reportedly because Chilean President Ricardo Lagos balked at Secret Service demands for guests to walk through metal detectors. The guest list for the dinner was scaled down to the leaders, their wives and top aides.

On Saturday night, Bush waded into a scuffle that erupted when Chilean authorities blocked the president's Secret Service agents from accompanying him into a dinner. As tempers flared and a shouting match ensued, Bush pushed into the commotion, grabbed his lead agent, Nick Trotta, and pulled him inside.

The incident, shown repeatedly on television worldwide, was an unlikely episode in an otherwise staid gathering of 21 Pacific Rim leaders at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. In a moment of levity, the leaders posed in colorful, hand-woven ponchos — following the summit tradition of wearing native garb of the host country.

Bush, arriving at La Moneda palace, greeted Lagos with self-deprecating humor: "Ricardo, aquí está el gringo." Translation: "Ricardo, the gringo's here."

Bush opened the day with Mexican President Vicente Fox, discussing immigration issues that are sensitive on both sides of the border. Bush began his presidency with a campaign to improve relations with Mexico, but his attention was diverted by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Renewing a plan that stalled in Congress after he unveiled it in January, Bush urged changes in U.S. law that could allow millions

of undocumented laborers to work legally in the United States on temporary visas but would not provide a path to citizenship. Fox hopes to persuade Bush. Fox hopes to persuade Bush. Fox hopes to persuade Bush.

"One way to make sure the border is secure is to have reasonable immigration policies," the president said. He said he assured Fox that Mexicans should be treated with respect and dignity in the United States.

Fox said he wanted to meet with Bush in Washington to discuss economic security issues. "Mexico wants to fulfill its responsibility to make its economy grow, make it stronger, to have more jobs in Mexico," Fox said. "That is our first priority."

Fox said afterward he expected to meet with Bush in Washington in February or March to discuss migration and trade.

Bush and Fox avoided talking about subjects where they differ, such as Iraq and Cuba, administration officials said.

The U.S. reputation in Latin America has been hurt by the Iraq war, which is deeply unpopular in the region. There also is a feeling that the Bush administration has neglected the needs of the Western Hemisphere, and there is friction over the U.S. push for open, freer economies, a campaign viewed by some as an unwelcome dictate from Washington.

After the summit, Bush met briefly with Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo to discuss an Andean free-trade pact involving Colombia, Peru and Ecuador in commerce with the United States.

Flying home to Texas on Monday, Bush will stop in Cartagena, Colombia, to meet with President Alvaro Uribe, a conservative whose war against narcotics-riddled left rebels has received major funding from the United States.

The visit allows Bush to make a visible statement about the U.S. commitment to fighting terrorism. It also is meant to highlight American contributions that have helped to bring stability to a country ravaged by decades of guerrilla war.

# Plane crash in China kills 54

BY STEPHANIE HOO

The Associated Press

BEIJING — A passenger plane crashed in an ice-covered lake in northern China seconds after take-off Sunday, killing all 53 people aboard and one person on the ground after an apparent midair explosion, the government said.

The was no immediate word on the cause of the crash, which was the country's deadliest in more than two years and was a setback to China's efforts to improve air safety following a string of accidents in the 1990s.

The China Eastern Airlines plane went down in Baotou, a city in the Inner Mongolia region, 303 miles northwest of Beijing, "only

about a dozen seconds" after take-off at 8:20 a.m., the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The plane, a Bombardier CRJ-200, was headed for Shanghai with 47 passengers and six crew members when it crashed into the lake in Nanhai Park, Xinhua said.

Premier Wen Jiabao ordered all-out efforts to determine the cause of the crash, state television reported in its evening newscast.

All CRJ-200 aircraft in China were grounded, and Cabinet-level investigators were dispatched to the crash site from Beijing, Xinhua said.

Witnesses told the agency they heard an explosion before the plane hit the ground, and one described seeing "a big fireball" overhead.

Wang Yongqiang, who lives near the park, said he saw black smoke billowing from the tail of the plane before it crashed and broke into fiery fragments, Xinhua said.

All aboard were confirmed dead — their remains pulled from the lake by emergency workers who had to break through ice on the lake to get to the wreckage, reports said.

A worker on the ground at Nanhai park was also killed, Xinhua said.

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## Holiday traveling tips

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — It's no surprise that travel and holidays go hand in hand. About 37.2 million Americans will be traveling 50 miles or more from home for the holidays this year, reports AAA. That's up slightly more than 3 percent from last year's 36.1 million.

Here are some money-saving tips to ensure your travel this holiday season doesn't hurt your wallet:

■ When you buy airline tickets, compare prices for one-way and round-trip tickets. So says Dave Downing, travel columnist for [Fodors.com](http://Fodors.com), the Web site of one of the largest English-language guidebook publishers. It can be cheaper to purchase one-way tickets, as long as you don't mind traveling on different airlines.

■ If you rent a car, check the fine print before you sign, recommends Downing. While many companies advertise special weekly rates, especially around holidays, you may end up gouging your wallet if your trip is short — say, a four-day weekend for Thanksgiving. "If you don't keep the car for at least five days, it reverts to a punitive daily rate," warns Downing. That daily rate could be as much as \$50 or \$60, compared with a weekly rate of \$200.

■ Consider traveling on the holiday. "Everybody tries to get there before the holiday," says Downing. By traveling on the holiday itself, you'll face smaller crowds, whether on the roads or at the train stations. "You're also going to get a better deal" if you need to buy tickets, he says.

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# Swarms of locusts devour southern Israel

BY REVITAL LEVY STEIN

The Associated Press

EILAT, Israel — Swarms of locusts that arrived from Egypt to southern Israel devoured lawns and palm trees on Sunday, causing a panic among farmers and children who wondered when the next biblical plague would strike.

The pests had worked their way north since crossing the border on Friday and are on a path that would take them to the West Bank town of Jericho, where U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell was slated to meet Palestinian officials on Monday.

The red locusts originated in West Africa and traveled over Libya and Egypt. The insects are present every year in Africa, but the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization warned last week that this year's swarms are especially large due to prolonged periods of heavy rainfall.

Israel's Agriculture Ministry had not by Sunday reported serious damage to crops in the arid Arava and Negev deserts. Ministry planes were spraying onion, pepper and melon fields near Israel's southern borders with Egypt and Jordan.

Officials in the Red Sea resort of Eilat said many more of the plants and trees in city parks had been stripped of their foliage by the



An Israeli youth tries to avoid locusts as he walks in a street in the southern Israeli city of Eilat, in the Red Sea. Swarms of locusts that arrived from Egypt to southern Israel devoured lawns and palm trees on Sunday, causing a panic among farmers and children.

pests. The locusts seemed to prefer palm and olive trees, basil, grape leaves and grass.

"If these pests land on my fields, it's all over," potato farmer Menachem Tzafir told the Yediot Ahronot newspaper. "They destroy a whole year's work in a matter of minutes."

Eilat residents on Sunday found their lawns blanketed in red with the insects. Some children questioned their parents if darkness, the ninth biblical plague after locusts, was soon to come.

According to the Book of Exodus in the Old Testament, the

Egyptians suffered 10 plagues before Pharaoh agreed to let the enslaved Israelites free. Locusts were the eighth plague.

"A Plague of Locusts," read the top headlines in Yediot and the Maariv daily news papers on Sunday. Both reported on the delight of Thai workers on southern

farmers, who consider the insects a delicacy.

Yediot included instructions for the culinary curious on how to grill the locusts "turning them over, until they yellow."

Rabbi David Batzri, a leading Kabbalist — or Jewish mystic — blamed the locusts on poverty and urged Israelis to give to the poor to help expel the pests.

The daily newspaper, Maariv, included a guide for the average Israeli in an effort to calm the fears of those who, for instance "are afraid to go to sleep because they fear their house will be full of locusts in the morning." The newspaper suggested using insect spray in rooms where locusts are first found.

Agriculture Ministry officials said they were concerned that warm weather on Sunday could prompt the locusts to begin breeding.

This would cause greater damage, as young locusts have large appetites, the officials told Yediot. But rain and colder weather was expected throughout the country on Monday.

The insects, which normally live between two and six months, eat their weight — about 0.07 ounces — in crops every day.

They can travel 120 miles a day. They grow to be as long as four inches, Yediot reported.

# Defying society, many Japanese women stay single

BY YURI KAGEYAMA

The Associated Press

TOKYO — No matter how independent, fashionable or popular she may be, Japan's unwed woman has long been labeled the eternal loser — lonesome during the holidays, dreaming of the child she never had, dreading the inevitable question at family gatherings: "Aren't you married yet?"

But in unprecedented numbers, Japanese women are defying the stereotype with a firm "No" — and trying to cheer up others like them.

"Women these days aren't going to marry just anybody," says Junji Sakai, whose "How to Lose Dudes" has sold more than 300,000 copies.

Marriage has certainly lost some of its allure for Japanese women.

Over the past decade, Japanese government figures say, the portion of Japanese women ages 25 to 29 who never married has surged from 40 percent to 54 percent. The percentage for women age 30-34 has increased from 14 percent to 27 percent. In the United States, according to census data, 40 percent of women from 25 to 29 are single, and 23 percent of the 30-to-34 bracket.

Men are also delaying marriage these days, but often they cite economic reasons, trouble finding a job that gives them the stability they need for married life, or reluctance to assume the responsibilities of family.

**"Women are looking for a marital partner who'll allow them to do whatever they want. They want a marriage that's perfect, economically and mentally. There aren't that many men who can offer that. And they're all taken."**



Chikako Ogura

Professor of gender studies at Waseda University in Tokyo

Many Japanese women, however, blame the typical male, who expects the wife to cheerfully surrender her job, or juggle a career with keeping house and raising the kids.

"It's not that we're set on being single. We're thirsting for a good marriage, but we can't find the right guy," Sakai, a single 38-year-old, said in an interview in Tokyo.

It's a dramatic reversal of the Japanese tradition that praises early marriage and criticizes women who delay marriage as unattractive and selfish.

In the 1980s, a woman unmarried by 25 was dismissed as "Christmas cake" — thrown out on Dec. 26. These days the big number is 31, and women unmarried by that age are "New Year's

Eve noodles," noodles being a typical New Year's Eve dish.

The change is having a profound impact on public policy, with the government worrying that the plunging birthrate augurs labor shortages and less support for the growing ranks of the elderly.

The birthrate now averages 1.29 per woman — a record low for Japan and far short of the 2.13 average in the United States, according to Japanese and U.S. figures.

Chikako Ogura, professor of gender studies at Waseda University in Tokyo, draws little comfort from government proposals to reverse the trend, such as adding child-care facilities and prodding employers to grant maternity leave.

The critical problem is that peo-

ple aren't getting married at all. Young women have jobs and reject a marriage that won't deliver a more comfortable life, she says. Fashionable studies show men spend on average less than 10 minutes a day on housework while working women put in two hours.

"That trend is decreasing. The idea of a independent woman enjoying leisure is so new that traditional Japanese hotels wouldn't even allow females traveling alone to spend the night, fearing they were looking for a place to commit suicide."

That trend is decreasing. "The options for Japanese women have grown more diverse, rather than the old formula of marriage being the only way to happiness," says Koichi Hasei, a 38-year-old food critic who has set up a Web page with other women to recommend restaurants and hotels friendly to female travelers.

Nowadays many single women feel increasingly free to choose, rather than simply cave in to social pressure, said Etsuko Moriyama, 38, who worked on Sakai's book. "Like a child, a marriage is like a blessing," said Moriyama, who is divorced.

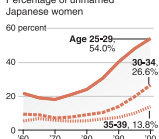
"Maybe I'll get married, maybe I won't."

## Marriage — losing its allure in Japan

In Japan, women are increasingly choosing to stay single. Many say they want to reject a lifestyle that promises the burden of housework while juggling a career and raising kids, with little help from husbands.

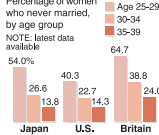
### Unmarried women

Percentage of unmarried Japanese women



### Single women

Percentage of women who never married, by age group



SOURCES: Japanese National Institute of Population and Social Science Research; U.S. Census Bureau; England Office for National Statistics

# U.S. asks Israel to help with Palestinian election

By MARK LAVIE  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The United States on Sunday began a new round of Mideast diplomacy after the death of Yasser Arafat, asking Israel to help with the upcoming Palestinian election to pick a successor.

Assistant Secretary of State William Burns became the first senior U.S. diplomat to meet with top Palestinians in several months and Secretary of State Colin Powell arrived Sunday evening for further talks. Burns said Israel should cooperate with the Palestinian election, and Arafat indicated it would pull troops back in the West Bank.

The visits are part of an international push for progress toward a new Israel-Palestinian accord after Arafat's death Nov. 11. Both the United States and Israel boycotted Arafat, charging that he was tainted with terrorism.

Following Powell, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw is to visit the region this week, and Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Moratinos is expected Dec. 2. Powell had separate meetings

scheduled with Israeli and Palestinian officials on Monday.

In their talks with Burns, the interim Palestinian leaders asked for U.S. pressure on Israel to remove troops from West Bank cities and towns to allow campaigning and a free election on Jan. 9.

"I am here to stress strong American support for the Palestinian election," Burns said after a meeting with interim Palestinian Authority President Raufi Fattouh.

"We are determined to do everything we can to help in that process and we also support steps by Israel which are needed to facilitate this election," he said, but he did not elaborate.

Burns met separately Sunday with the Israeli national security adviser, Giora Eiland.

In violence Sunday, the Israeli military said special forces killed a Palestinian fugitive and two other militants in a car in Beitunia, next to the West Bank city of Ramallah. The military said the Palestinians opened fire first. Palestinian security officials said the three were members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent offshoot of the ruling Fatah party.

Also, Israeli troops shot and killed an armed Palestinian who tried to attack a Gaza road used by Jewish settlers, the Israeli army and Islamic Jihad said.

Shortly after the latest round of Mideast violence erupted in 2000, Israeli sent troops back into West Bank areas ceded to the Palestinians under interim peace accords. Troops set up dozens of roadblocks and cut off cities and towns, often confining hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to their home communities.

Palestinians have had only one general election, in 1996.

Elections have been scheduled several times in recent years but then canceled, as Palestinians said they could not carry out a campaign with the Israelis in control of the territory.

Now, Israel appears ready to cooperate.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said Israel has "every intention of redeploying (troops) so as to allow them to have their process of election."

He said the new Palestinian leadership "could help us by coming down on the terrorists," but he did not state that as a condition.

## Thousands of Muslims protest against terror

By ANDREAS REHNOLT  
The Associated Press

COLOGNE, Germany — About 25,000 people marched through the western German city of Cologne on Sunday in a demonstration against Islamic terrorism that was organized by a Muslim group.

Carrying placards proclaiming that "religion does not produce terror" and that "terror is a crime against humanity," two groups estimated by police at about 10,000 each converged for a rally in a downtown square.

Germany has roughly 3.5 million Muslims, mostly of Turkish origin.

Sunday's demonstration was organized by a group called the Turkish-Islamic Union, which called on demonstrators to "join hands for peace and against terror," and was supported by Germany's main Muslim organization, the Central Council of Muslims.

Hundreds of officers were deployed, but "there are no problems," police spokesman Udo Traband said.

Worries about how well Muslims are integrated in German society have resurfaced since

the Nov. 2 killing in the Netherlands — one of Germany's neighbors — of filmmaker Theo van Gogh, allegedly by an Islamic radical.

That was followed by more than 20 attacks on religiously linked sites in the Netherlands.

On Saturday, Chancellor Gerhard Schröder said that Europe must take care to avoid being "dragged into a battle of cultures" by those events.

"We can only be successful if we face this challenge together," Schröder said.

"The many Muslims who live and want to live with us cannot stand aside indifferently. They must clearly and unmistakably stand up for our legal system and our democratic rules of play."

Earlier this year, German lawmakers approved a new immigration law aimed at balancing the need to attract qualified immigrants with concerns over security.

It is designed to make it easier to observe and deport Islamic extremists operating in Germany and also aims to have new arrivals integrate in society through government-funded German language and civics courses.

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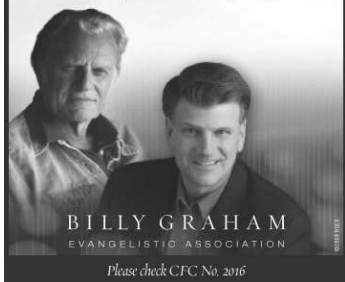
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# FACES

## Aiken plans a joyful noise

Clay Aiken has fond memories of holidays at home—driving 40 minutes back from Durham, N.C., with a fake Christmas tree sticking through the back windows of his packed car because his family waited too long to buy a real tree.

But one thing the self-described “skinny, redheaded, geeky little dork from the South” hopes goes off without a hitch this holiday season is his 21-city Joyful Noise tour, which began Sunday in Pasadena, Calif.

“This is a different kind of concert,” said Aiken. “It’s not meant to be a show where fans bring signs and scream. The goal is to be more intimate, almost semi-formal. The crew will be dressed up in their Sunday best and I hope the audiences will do the same.”

The 25-year-old singer has named a spokesman for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign, so Marines will be collecting toys at each stop on the tour.



Aiken

## Opera star bling sells big

Jewelry formerly belonging to **Maria Callas**—most of it given to the opera star by her husband, wealthy Italian industrialist **Giovanni Battista Meneghini**—fetched \$1.86 million at an auction.

Some 200 collectors, opera fans and the plain curious packed the Sotheby's auction room for the sale, which included 11 pieces, at the plush Le Beau Rivage hotel.

All the lots sold above their highest catalog estimate, said Sotheby's Executive Director David Bennett, who ran the sale.

The most expensive of the jewels—an 11.7-carat, marquise-shaped diamond ring—sold for \$340,000. It had been expected to go for between \$136,000 and \$204,000, Sotheby's said.

Callas married Meneghini in 1949, but later left him for Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis. Most of the items on sale were given to Callas in the 1950s, during the best period of her marriage and the peak of her fame.

## Former rapper has the animal blues

**Robert Van Winkle**, aka **Vanilla Ice**, wants his wallaroo back.

The 36-year-old performer, who had a '90s rap hit with “Ice Ice Baby,” called animal control officials to report that a wallaroo and a goat found wandering around Port St. Lucie, Fla., belong to him.

They had escaped from his back yard, city officials said.

He may have trouble getting his pets back. Neither the wallaroo, which is considered an exotic animal, nor farm animals such as the goat, are allowed in Port St. Lucie.

They were picked up by animal control after a woman reported them, saying the wallaroo, a cross between a kangaroo and a wallaby, had scratched her and kicked her car.

## Need a date? Serve on a jury

Sex therapist **Dr. Ruth Westheimer** thinks people should know that jury duty has an upside that doesn't get talked about much: It's a great way to get a date.

Westheimer, known as Dr. Ruth to her radio, television and reading public, made her observation as she and nearly 20 other celebrities marked Juror Appreciation Day at the State Supreme Court Building in Manhattan.

“Jury duty is good way to meet men and women, a partner,” Westheimer said.

Also on hand were former Mayor **Rudolph Giuliani**, Attorney General **Elliot Spitzer**, Barbara Walters, comedian **Anne Mearns Stiller**, singer **Roxanne Cash**, recording executive **Gail Davis**, NBC “Today” news anchor **Ann Curry** and actors **Sarah Jessica Parker** and **Matthew Broderick**.

All the celebrities have been called to jury duty, but Giuliani is the only one who has served. In 1999, he became the first New York City mayor to serve as foreman of a civil jury that reached a verdict.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Actress casts a 'sideways' glance at greatness

## Virginia Madsen is getting raves after years of B-list roles

Virginia Madsen plays a waitress romanced by the lead character in the film “Sideways.”



KRT

BY MARK CARO  
Chicago Tribune

Of all the times Virginia Madsen has been miscast, perhaps her most ill-fitting role was as a waitress in *Chicago* back when she was trying to break into acting.

She worked, she said, mostly at “pizza restaurants, because I’d get tired from the fancy ones. I didn’t like all the rules. I tended to speak my mind, which they don’t really want to do. I was a feminist, so I didn’t like the way I was being treated sometimes.”

Yet here she is in her early 40s with a career reborn because she’s so convincing as, yes, a waitress, in Alexander Payne’s wonderful “Sideways.” While several of the roles she took after moving to Los Angeles required her to remove her clothes, “Sideways” asked her to lose her make-up and strip away artifice.

The result is a revelatory supporting performance that finds Madsen shedding her bland-bombshell-B-movie image and finally demonstrating the depth and craft she learned in *Chicago* in the early 1980s. Oscar handclappers are already tuning a possible nomination for her.

When Madsen returned for the *Chicago* International Film Festival, Stan Adams, one of Madsen’s acting-school classmates, rushed up to her. “That’s the Gina I know,” he enthused, using her familiar moniker of earlier days. “This is the best you’ve ever done.”

Minutes earlier, during an Q&A after a screening of “Sideways,” an audience member had asked Madsen what her big break was. “I really feel like this is my big break,” she replied, “because I finally have a role that people can see what I’ve always wanted to do.”

Her breakthrough comes at an age that finds more celebrated actresses tweaking themselves with Botox and plastic surgery to give the illusion that they’re still in their 20s. Madsen remains a knockout but a natural one; you can see the lines around her crystal green eyes and on her face, which actually has movement, as opposed to the frozen-faced glam crowd.

“I remember the day John Jackson, the casting director, showed me her S-10 [photo] and said, ‘Look at her eyes. Doesn’t it look like she’s been through it?’” “Sideways” director Alexander Payne recalled. “And I said, ‘Why, yes, now that you mention it.’”

“I just believed that she could be a waitress. I believed that she had been through a divorce and was on the mend. I believed the age. It’s the age I wanted that had life experience. I just believed her.”

Madsen shares key qualities with her character, Maya, a divorced California wine-country waitress who befriends hard-luck novelist Miles, played by Paul Giamatti. Madsen is divorced from actor-director Danny Huston and has a 10-year-old son with her former boyfriend, actor Antonio Sabato Jr.

She also has weathered extreme ups and downs in her career and personal finances, living in movie-star opulence one year, seeing her house go into foreclosure in another.

Like Maya, Madsen has reached a point of redefining herself to her true passions.

“I think for so many years I was really miscast,” she said en route to visit her old *Chicago* haunts on the morning after the “Sideways” screening. “And I think that’s why sometimes it didn’t always really ring true, playing these villains and these really sexy women. It’s like I was good at it, I could do that, but something about it didn’t ultimately work.”

Madsen had a small role in the teen comedy “Class” in 1983, and shortly thereafter moved out to Los Angeles along with brother Michael, who would achieve significant success as a glowering character actor (“Reservoir Dogs,” “Free Willy.”) David Lynch got a look at her S-by-10 and cast her in “Dune” (1984). She played Marion Davies to Robert Mitchum’s William Randolph Hearst in the TV movie “The Hearst and Davises Affair” (1985). But the turning point came with Wayne Wang’s “Slam Dance,” which took full advantage of Madsen’s drop-dead face and seductive curves.

Although she had only three scenes in this erotic thriller, the image of her wearing a black dress slit down the front dominated the posters, including a giant one mounted above Sunset Boulevard. “This was way before J. Lo, baby,” she laughed.

From then on, she said, casting directors expected her to walk in accompanied by sultry music. “I think I didn’t really realize the momentum that that sort of image had,” she said. “I didn’t understand I had all this sexuality going on. I thought I was kind of a conservative girl, and I wanted to settle down and get married. And I did.”

But she also enjoyed the life that her image was buying her. “I was really on the money train, and I was living a pretty extravagant lifestyle,” she said. “I was living in this unbelievable house, and I was taking care of a lot of people and doing out of a lot of cash and spending way more than was coming in.”

Her biggest commercial showcase was Bernard Rose’s *Chicago*-set horror film “Candyman” (1992). “I went to the premiere of that here in Chicago,” said Chicago-based agent Harriette Davidson, who represented Madsen before she moved to Los Angeles. “I thought, you know, this is a B-movie and she deserves better.”

The highlight in “Sideways” is a beautifully written and acted exchange between Miles and Maya in which the characters bare their souls while discussing their wine passions. If either actor nets an Oscar nomination, that’s the scene they’ll show.

“That monologue just got me,” Adams said. “I thought, it’s just her.”

Her friends and family share her “it’s about time” reaction to Madsen’s “Sideways” triumph.

“She was just as wonderful last year as she is this year,” said Elaine Madsen, Virginia’s mother. “You all are just noticing.”

Still, the mother said the daughter has nothing to regret. “She’s made a good living as well as being a good actress, and that’s something that lots of actors and actresses would like to say,” Elaine said. “She’s been blessed.”

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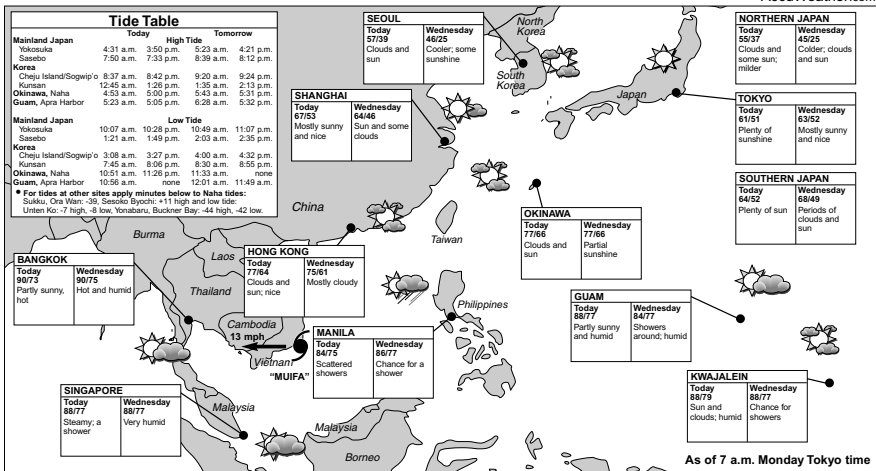
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10	SPEC	The Simpsons The family travels to Brazil. (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Ray visits his Vermont. (CC)	Star Trek: Enterprise "Impulse" Enterprise encounters an alien Vulcan vessel filled with zombies. (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Got Murder?" An eyeball is found in a river's nest. (CC)	Biography "Oscar De La Hoya: Body and Soul" Ever Over De La Hoya's fights outside the ring. (CC)	Friends Rachel's boss obstructs her career. (CC)	Seinfeld George and Julia suspect Alvin. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)		
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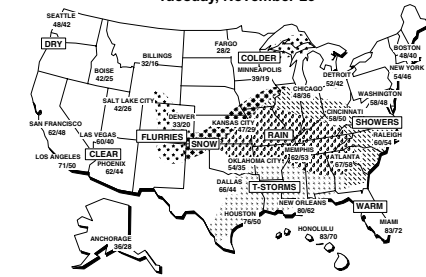
## Extended Forecasts

<b>TOKYO</b> Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 57, low 46. Friday: Partly sunny, high 56, low 43.	<b>KADENA</b> Thursday: Showers, high 74, low 63. Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 73, low 62.	<b>SEoul</b> Thursday: Partly sunny, high 39, low 28. Friday: Sunny, high 46, low 35.	<b>MANILA</b> Thursday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 77. Friday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 77.	<b>HAGATNA</b> Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 79. Friday: Clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 79.
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## Sunday's USA Temperature

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	53/38	Los Angeles	61/47
Amarillo	42/39	Little Rock	60/52
Anchorage	35/26	Louisville	57/46
Ashville	62/47	Miami	83/68
Baltimore	62/44	Milwaukee	45/30
Birmingham	65/57	Nashville	59/49
Bismarck	46/21	New York	54/46
Boise	38/22	Omaha	45/33
Boston	46/40	Orlando	81/60
Brownsville	67/72	Philadelphia	57/44
Buffalo	52/36	Phoenix	67/53
Burlington	50/34	Pittsburgh	55/40
Charleston, SC	73/58	Portland, OR	48/38
Charlotte	71/52	Portland, ME	44/33
Cleveland	51/36	Salt Lake City	40/24
Columbus, OH	55/39	St. Louis	51/38
Duluth	39/24	San Antonio	75/62
El Paso	60/44	San Diego	61/49
Hartford	52/37	San Juan	85/73
Helena	39/20	Tampa	83/64
Indianapolis	52/37	Tulsa	51/41
Jacksonville	82/60	Washington	62/48
Kansas City	47/33	Wichita	46/38

## Tuesday, November 23



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A large storm system exiting the northern Plains will spread heavy rain and perhaps some severe thunderstorms to portions of the lower Mississippi Valley Tuesday. Showers will also develop ahead of this storm across the Carolinas. A few flurries will occur across the northern Rockies. High pressure will bring dry conditions to the Northeast, as well as the West. The storm system moving out of the southern Plains will quickly move northeastward Wednesday into the Great Lakes. This storm will bring rain to much of the East, with some snow moving through the Midwest behind it. A storm system approaching the Pacific Northwest will bring some rain and mountains snow to the region.

## Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/73	Iwakuni	66/50
Beijing	46/28	Kadena AB	77/66
Camp Casey	55/39	Kunsan AB	60/44
Christchurch	61/41	Kwajalein	88/79
Diego Garcia	88/77	Manila	84/75
Hagatna	88/77	Misawa AB	55/41
Hanoi	77/61	Osan	57/37
Hong Kong	76/64	Perth	81/63
Honolulu	83/70	Pusan	62/48

## Tuesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/74	Budapest	47/27	Kabul	65/35
Athens	54/47	Buenos Aires	82/55	Kiev	28/25
Auckland	64/50	Cairo	66/43	Kuwait	74/40
Baghdad	57/30	Cancun	82/72	London	54/47
Barbados	84/70	Cape Town	68/51	Madrid	61/46
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## First, live like an infantryman

I've been in the Iowa National Guard for 21 years as an infantry soldier and non-commissioned officer. This is my third deployment and second conflict.

During my first deployment I was in an 88MM (motor transport operator) slot and never received a driver's badge because I was infantry. I was offered and turned down the Combat Infantryman Badge after being under fire — I didn't endure the hardships of infantry personnel and did not feel as though I was fulfilling the requirements of an infantryman with my position.

For this deployment I will receive the CIB. I have spent 21 years training as a grunt sleeping on the ground, packing what I needed on my back, walking every step I needed to go. I didn't have assets to bring me gear. When it rained, I either made my shelter or did without.

So yes, let's put these people who want the CIB in a group and let them go for themselves. I'm sure their morale, hygiene, field craft, and many other things would be at the high end of the scale for poor performance as a result of the lack of training and experience.

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I know this for a fact: I have taught the Primary Leadership Development Course. No one hangs around a grunt until it's time to go to the field. Then everyone is your buddy.

But, as always, there are some exceptions. The only one I can think of is where a soldier from another MOS is put into an infantry slot and trains, eats and sleeps as an infantryman. Then that soldier might meet the requirements.

Sgt. 1st Class Ernan Mullins  
Afghanistan

## R&amp;R may be in order

I am writing in response to the writer of the Nov. 13 letter "Suggestion for BIAP" who was apparently displeased with the large, white, intensely boring "blimp" that flies in the area of Baghdad International Airport.

There are a few things that should be cleared up. A blimp is a free-flying, maneuverable, manned balloon. The balloon that he finds so boring to look at is called an Aerostat and is an unmanned, tethered balloon, whose importance far outweighs his visual objection.

If the only thing the letter writer has to occupy his time in a war zone is simple comments about big, white eyesores obscuring the beauty of the Baghdad skies, may we suggest rest and recuperation?

Allen Russell  
Camp Slayer, Iraq

## We can do more to help when a GI dies

BY FRANK SCHAFFER

**M**arine Staff Sgt. Aaron White was killed in a helicopter crash on May 19, 2003, in Iraq. Here is an excerpt from his last letter home to his wife, Michele, and his baby daughter, Brianna.

"What keeps me up at night is thinking you may never know what you mean to me. ... I don't come home, please tell Brianna that her daddy loves her more than life. ... Brianna, it breaks my heart to have to miss your first birthday. I hope that you will forgive me. ... I fall asleep every night with visions of you and your mommy in my head, reminding me of all I have been blessed with. I will be with you every day, if not in body, then in spirit. I love you more than my words could ever say."

Aaron was killed two days after Brianna turned 1. When an American in a military uniform is killed, his or her family receives a one-time death gratuity of \$12,000. The surviving family may also qualify for the Survivor Benefit Plan, which is paid up to age 62 or until the spouse remarries. The SBP benefit amounts to 55 percent of the soldier's retirement pay, pay that is already so low it qualifies many military families for food stamps.

These "benefits" are contingent on fulfilling many petty regulations. Michele did not qualify for the SBP because Aaron was in the Marine Corps just under 10 years. Several other benefits, such as the income-based Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, may pay out about \$800 per

month and \$200 per child, depending on the case. Michele did not qualify because of several arcane technicalities. Michele and Brianna's medical benefits will end three years from the date of Aaron's death. But Michele did receive some modest insurance compensation, because Aaron paid for coverage out of his meager salary.

A study by the Rand Corp. found that the families of civilians killed in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 received on average \$3.1 million in government and charitable compensation. The families of the firefighters and cops who died received more, but their average compensation was \$4.2 million.

Our soldiers are being killed daily, but most of us seem to feel little personal connection with them. If we did, their widows and families would be better compensated. Our idea of "supporting the troops" is to stick magnetic yellow ribbons on our cars. Those Americans who do not serve or do family family serving are disconnected from our all-volunteer forces and their families. I know. I didn't serve in the military, and before my son unexpectedly enlisted in the Marines, and then went to war in the Midwest for 11 months. I viewed our military as made up of people who had little to do with me.

Let's strip away our yellow-ribbon sentimentality for a moment and admit the truth: We treat our military like second-class citizens. I'm glad the Sept. 11 families were generously compensated, but it's time to ask why the family of someone who has done no more for his country than show up at a stock trading office on the wrong day should re-



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Frank Schaffer and his son John wrote "Keeping Faith — A Father-Son Story About Love and the U.S. Marine Corps."

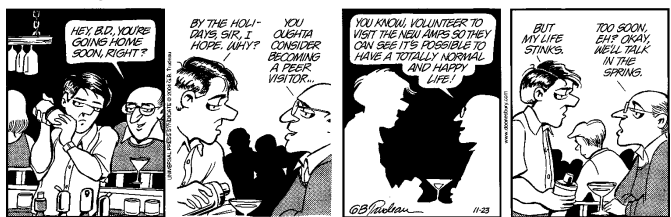
ceive hundreds of times as much compensation as the family of a soldier who volunteered to leave his wife and child to defend the rest of us.

Most of the dead from our wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are being buried in small towns and in the blue-collar or middle- and lower-middle-class sections of our cities. Our politicians seem better able to identify with the needs of stock traders' widows than with the needs of the families of our soldiers.

In his second-to-last letter home, Aaron wrote: "Believe me I am not having a good time. This is an ugly nasty land. I hope [our] people appreciate the fact that we are still here." Judging by how we are taking care of his widow and daughter, apparently the answer is that we do not.

Frank Schaffer's latest book is "Voices From the Front: Letters Home From America's Military Family." This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

## Doonesbury



## OPINION

## A writer's 'war crime,' a Marine's 'survival'

The rule of the thumb for the last century or so has been that for a guerrilla force to remain viable, it must inflict seven casualties on the forces of the government it is fighting for each casualty it sustains.

Jack Kelly



says former Canadian army officer John Thompson, managing director of the MacKenzie Institute, a think tank that studies global conflicts.

By that measure, the resistance in Iraq had a bad week (last week, American and Iraqi government troops killed at least 1,200 fighters in Fallujah, and captured 1,100 more. Those numbers will grow as mop-up operations continue.

These casualties were inflicted at a cost (so far) of 43 coalition dead (38 Americans), and just over 300 wounded, of whom about a quarter have returned to duty.

"That kill ratio would be phenomenal in any [kind of] battle, but in an urban environment, it's revolutionary," said retired Army Lt. Col. Ralph Peters, perhaps America's most respected writer on military strategy. "The rule has been that [in urban combat] the attacking force would suffer between a quarter and a third of its strength in casualties."

The victory in Fallujah was also remarkable for its speed, Peters said. Speed was necessary, he said, "because you are fighting not just the terrorists, but a hostile global media."

Fallujah ranks up there with Iwo Jima, Inchon and Hue as one of the greatest triumphs of American arms, though you'd have a hard time discerning that from what you read in the newspapers.

The swift capture of Fallujah is taxing the imagination of Arab journalists and — sadly — our own. How does one portray a remarkable American victory as if it were of little consequence, or even a defeat?

For CNN's Walter Rodgers, camped out in front of the main U.S. military hospital in Germany, you do this by emphasizing American casualties.

For The New York Times and The Washington Post, you do this by emphasizing conflict elsewhere in Iraq.

But the news organizations that liken terrorist success in Mosul (the police stations they overran were recaptured the next day) with what happened to the terrorists in Fallujah is false equivalence of the worst kind. If I find a quarter in the street, it doesn't make up for having lost \$1,000 in a poker game the night before.

The resistance has suffered a total of more than 2,000 combatants, out of a force of 5,000 (other estimates are higher) as well as a tiny only secure base in the country. But both the Arab media and ours emphasize that the attack on Fallujah has made a lot of Arabs mad. By this logic, once we've killed all the terrorists, they'll be invincible.

"The experience of human history has been the more people you kill, the weaker they get," Thompson noted.

For the Arab and European media, the old standby is to allege American atrocities. In this they have had invaluable assistance



Luis Sinco/Los Angeles Times

A member of Company C of the 1st Marine Battalion, 8th Regiment, conducts mop-up duty at a house in Fallujah, Iraq, on Nov. 13.

from Kevin Sites, a free-lancer working for NBC, who filmed a Marine shooting a wounded Iraqi feigning death in a mosque his squad was clearing. Al-Jazeera has been showing the footage around the clock.

The mutilated body of Margaret Hassan, the aid worker kidnapped in Baghdad last month, has been discovered in Fallujah, as have torture chambers.

Residents of Fallujah have been describing a reign of terror by the insurgents. But it is the Marine's alleged "war crime" that is garnering the most attention.

The Marine did the right thing. The terrorist he shot was not a prisoner, was not attempting to surrender, and was not a lawful combatant under the Geneva Conventions. The squad had other rooms to clear, and couldn't afford to leave an enemy in its rear.

The San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News described how Lance Cpl. Jeremy Ailes was shot to death on Nov. 15 by an Iraqi who was "playing possum."

"It's a safety issue, pure and simple," explained former Navy SEAL Matthew Heidt. "After assaulting through a target, put a security round in everybody's head." Journalists quick to judge the Marine are more forgiving when it comes to the terrorists. "They're not bad guys, especially, just people who disagree with us," said MSNBC's Chris Matthews.

And journalists wonder why we are less popular than used car salesmen.

Jack Kelly is the national affairs writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Toledo (Ohio) Blade. A former Marine and Green Beret, he was a deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force in the Reagan administration. His column appears weekly in Stars and Stripes.

## Rumsfeld gets his (nonmilitary) man to run Army

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld last week won his fight to install his man, Francis Harvey, as secretary of the Army.

In the midst of two and a half wars, at a time when the Army is struggling to transform itself and must use extraordinary methods to find enough soldiers to fill the rotations to Iraq, Rumsfeld selected a man who's never served in the military or in government to be the Army's CEO.

Rumsfeld told the man he's passing over for the job acting for the job.

Joseph Galloway

Army Secretary Les Brownlee, a retired Army infantry colonel and a highly decorated combat veteran — that he "wanted a businessman" to run the Army. Harvey, a longtime Westinghouse executive, was Rumsfeld's second choice in 18 months of bitter wrangling with some powerful senators.

Rumsfeld's long fight with the senators began in May 2003 when he fired Army Secretary Tom White, a retired Army brigadier general, over White's support of then-Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki (who angered Rumsfeld by saying that several hundred thousand American troops would be needed to occupy Iraq).

When the defense secretary tapped Air Force Secretary James Roche, another defense industry exec and a Navy and government veteran, to take over the Army job, he ran afoul of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. McCain was demanding that the Air Force and Roche hand over internal

e-mails on its plan to lease new airborne tankers from Boeing and when they weren't forthcoming he blocked Roche and all Defense Department civilian nominees.

While all of this was dragging on, the Army was left in the hands of acting secretary Brownlee, who'd spent 18 years on the Hill working for Sen. John Warner, R-Va., and the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Brownlee, who was awarded two Silver Stars for heroism in Vietnam, spent the last three Christmases with American troops in war zones.

Although Brownlee may have been the ideal candidate for the job he was already doing, there was no way Rumsfeld would nominate him. Rumsfeld was angry at how McCain, and more recently Warner, had thwarted his appointment of Roche to run the Army. This time he'd have his way and

his man in that job.

Although the service secretaries are political appointees, they traditionally have been chosen from the ranks of those who've served the country in uniform, preferably in the uniforms of the services they've been picked to run.

Rumsfeld ground down his Hill opponents and got his way in the matter of Harvey.

On Nov. 16, the day Harvey was confirmed as Army secretary, the Pentagon announced the resignation of Air Force Secretary Roche, the guy Rumsfeld originally wanted to run the Army. There was the usual official statement about how Roche had planned to stay only one term and what a wonderful job he'd done.

Roche, another hard-nosed defense industry businessman of the sort the defense secretary seems to like so well, will leave

the Pentagon under investigation by the Justice Department for his role in a \$24 billion noncompetitive contract for 100 aerial refueling tankers from Boeing.

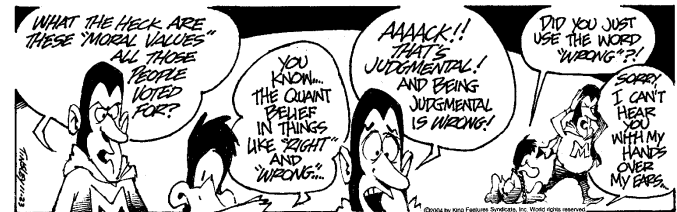
The Air Force's chief negotiator of that deal and many others, Darleen Druyun, also negotiated herself a \$250,000-a-year job with Boeing. She was sent to federal prison. The former chief financial officer of Boeing pleaded guilty for his role in hiring Druyun when she retired from the Air Force.

Rumsfeld himself seems secure in his job as secretary of defense for another year, perhaps longer, in the new Bush Cabinet, even though he and the neoconservatives around him bear particular responsibility for failures of both planning and execution in securing and rebuilding Iraq.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Deathbed confession

**MA** SOMERVILLE — A deathbed murder confession from a woman led to the discovery of her husband's remains inside a freezer at a storage facility, where his body has been for at least six years, authorities said.

Moments before she died, the woman told one of her children that she killed her husband in California several years ago, Massachusetts District Attorney Martha Coakley said. The children informed police.

The woman apparently put the body in a freezer and shipped it from California to Massachusetts several years ago, Coakley said.

The slaying may have taken place up to 14 years ago, because that was when the woman apparently began telling her children that their father had been killed in a car accident, Coakley said. Names of those involved have not been released.

## Matchmaker lawsuit

**MD** BALTIMORE — A federal jury awarded a woman \$434,000 in damages after she sued an Internet matchmaking service that introduced her to her abusive husband.

In what was described as the first lawsuit of its kind in the country, Nancy Fox of Loudoun County, Va., sued Encounters International of Bethesda, alleging fraud and negligence.

The Ukrainian woman met James Fox through the international matchmaking agency. They married in November 1998, less than three months after they met. He was 34, she was 27.

## Bay garbage removal

**HI** HONOLULU — State and federal wildlife workers removed about five tons of garbage, fishing nets and other debris from Kaneohe Bay.

Divers will return to the bay to remove the remaining one ton of net that can choke coral reef, trap sea turtles and snag propellers.

Fishing nets that break free or are discarded at sea can drift for months and even years, collecting everything in their path, officials said.

"When these things come ashore they work just like a bulldozer," said David Gulko of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. "They bulldoze through a reef. They kill the coral."

## Abortion clinic shooting

**CA** INDIO — A Southern California teenager was convicted of attempted murder for shooting his pregnant girlfriend at the clinic where she went to get an abortion.

Jeffrey Cameron Fitzhenry, 17, was convicted. The shooting April 29 left the 16-year-old girl a quadriplegic, and the fetus was declared dead three days afterward.

The victim, identified only as Sara S., testified Fitzhenry repeatedly threatened her, saying that she was "depriving him of his unborn child."

When she entered the clinic, Fitzhenry followed her, argued with her, and shot her in the neck, she said.

The jury also found Fitzhenry guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and enhancements that make him subject to a sentence of



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life in prison. A sentencing hearing is set for Jan. 6.

## Faulty police research

**MO** ST. LOUIS — City officials acknowledged 2003 crime figures were way off. What looked like a drop in crime to historic lows turned out to be a 4 percent rise.

It was an "honest mistake," Police Chief Joe Mokwa said at a news conference, blaming the error on a change in the way reports are filed. He said he learned of the mistake in June but didn't tell Mayor Francis Slay until recently.

Police officials realized they had failed to count 5,760 crimes, the number of murders cited in the original report was off by only one.

The department corrected the figures in its report to the FBI in July, but made no effort to publicize the changes.

## University recruitment

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — Minority students make up just over half of new freshmen at the University of New Mexico for the first time in the school's histo-



## Colonial cooking

Canandaigua, N.Y., Primary School third-grader Zachary Saxton puts some determination and muscle into grinding up a chunk of sugar taken from a big block of sugar while participating in an open hearth cooking class held at the Ontario County Historical Society. The students learned how a cake would have been made about 200 years ago in a colonial-period kitchen.

ry. UNM enrolled a record 3,086 freshmen this fall. That includes 1,350 Hispanics, American Indians and other ethnic minorities. Overall, minority students make up 47.5 percent of 18,027 undergraduates this fall — up from 45 percent in fall 2001.

## Dark days ahead

**AK** BARROW — This northernmost North American community of 5,000 saw the last sunshine it will see for more than two months. Barrow's next sunrise will be January 23. Ben Frantz, general manager of the Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, said the city lights are working well and ready to help residents through the prolonged darkness.

## Funky odor lingers

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — An official sniffing for the source of a stench that wafted across Philadelphia.

A mysterious invisible cloud carried an odor that left sour faces and perplexed officials in its wake.

Emergency dispatchers began receiving hundreds of 911 calls about the strong smell.

Transit officials, fearful of a gas leak, evacuated a subway line in South Philadelphia for about 45 minutes.

Authorities collected air samples, phoned nearby refineries and checked the pressure of natural gas lines, trying to determine if there had been an industrial mishap.

"We don't know what it is. But we've gathered enough samples to know that it's not toxic. It's just offensive," said mayoral spokeswoman Barbara Grant.

## Fraternity suspended

**VA** WILLIAMSBURG — The College of William and Mary has suspended a fraternity chapter for allegedly hazing a freshman whose blood-alcohol level was reportedly more than four times the legal limit for drivers of drinking age.

The student fell and was injured in the recent incident, which also resulted in charges against six members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter. Each was charged with hazing and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, college officials said.

The 17-year-old student, who was pledging SAE, was taken to a hospital Oct. 21 after suffering severe cuts and bruises to his head and ear from falling down a stairway in the fraternity house, an investigation by the college and the fraternity's national office found.

The student, the probe found, had a 0.37 percent blood-alcohol level when he arrived at the hospital. In Virginia, the legal intoxication threshold for drivers ages 21 and over is 0.08 percent.

## Orange ban lifted

**CA** SACRAMENTO — After months of negotiations, American trade officials say South Korea is ready to lift a seven-month ban on oranges from Tulare and Fresno counties. Fruit from the region was rejected after Korean inspectors suspected it might be infected with a harmful fungus. Additional precautions required under the deal would raise growers' costs about \$50 an acre.



## Thanksgiving fest

Sophie Cahill, a first-grader at Sargent School in Beacon, N.Y.,

hides behind her paper turkey as she sings a Thanksgiving turkey song with the 1st Grade Turkey Wobblers at the school. The school hosted its annual Thanksgiving luncheon, which featured entertainment and food service by the students for local senior citizens.



## Rest stop

Sandhill cranes, which are beginning their fall migration back to Florida from northern areas of the nation, drink from a watering trough at a University of Florida farm near Gainesville. Each year, thousands of the birds stop at the 65-acre research farm operated by the university's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, and some birds remain in the area year-round.





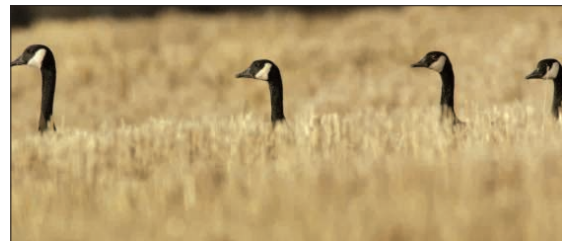
Paddling open water

A kayaker paddles across a calm Canandaigua Lake under cloudy skies near Canandaigua, N.Y.



Lifting off

A pair of hot air balloonists begin their ascent in Chandler, Ariz., during the first annual Arizona Balloon Festival. More than 50 balloon teams gathered for the three-day festival.



Goose necks

A small flock of Canada geese pauses while feeding in a field near Great Falls, Mont. Great Falls is a major resting area for migrating waterfowl at this time of year.

## Duct tape day care

**MA** HUDSON — A family whose 8-month-old girl was duct-taped to a wall by a day care worker has agreed to settle their lawsuit against the day care center's owner and former employees for \$200,000.

Jordan Wardle, now in kindergarten, still suffers from nightmares and eating problems because of the incident in 2000 at A Place to Grow day care center in Hudson, said her mother, Johanna Wardle.

According to a report by state investigators, the center's director, Diane Davis, said she had been talking to a parent about the versatility of duct tape and decided to find out if it really did "work on everything," Jordan Wardle was not physically injured.

Davis was sentenced to 2½ years in prison for assault and battery, but she served just one week after a judge suspended the remainder of her sentence.

The day care owner, Suzanne Foley, was barred from opening more day care centers for three years after the incident. She's now president of six A Place to Grow centers in eastern Massachusetts.

## Toy duck dispute settled

**TN** SPRING HILL — Town officials have restored a woman's business license weeks after accusing her of trying to sell a sex toy — a vibrating yellow-ducky sponge — at a flea market.

The Nashville suburb agreed to allow Katherine Williams to keep the license for her Passions & Pleasures intimate gifts business if she does not display her wares in public.

Town officials had threatened to cite Williams for violating the sexually oriented business ordinance after she set up a table at the flea market, but they could find no witnesses who would testify to seeing her display. A week later the town told Williams it was suspending her business license.

Williams said the vibrating yellow-ducky sponge was a child's toy, and she sued the town.

## Library offenders beware

**MI** BAY CITY — Keeping library books too long could soon land some readers in jail.

Frustrated librarians want the worst offenders to face criminal charges and up to 90 days behind bars.

The library director is asking the Bay County Library Board for permission to seek arrest warrants for offenders who ignore repeated notices. The board plans to consider the crackdown next month.

One patron from Bad Axe owes \$1,190 for 73 items — mainly science-fiction books — hoarded for more than a year, the director said.

Patrons keep an average of \$25,000 in overdue materials out of the library system each year, officials said.

## Baby not medical waste

**VT** MONTPELIER — A couple whose stillborn baby was inadvertently treated as "medical waste" nearly three years ago has

reached a settlement with Central Vermont Hospital.

Just before the deadline for filing post-trial motions, lawyers representing the hospital and Douglas and Allison Moyes of Barre Town reached an out-of-court settlement. The agreement cancels the outcome of a two-day trial that was held in Washington Superior Court.

The case began when Allison Moyes learned during a routine prenatal checkup in March of 2001 that the fetus she had been carrying for 20 weeks had died. She went to the hospital, where labor was induced and she delivered the 6½-inch-long, 5-ounce fetus.

The hospital lost track of the paperwork indicating that was the Moyeses' wish to bury the remains, and the fetus was discarded as medical waste.

## No elephant retirement

**MI** ROYAL OAK — Winky and Wanda's tale of pachydermic woe won't wane.

The American Zoo and Aquarium Association denied Detroit Zoo director Ron Kagan's final appeal to send the two aging, arthritic elephants to one of two U.S. sanctuaries where they could roam hundreds of acres.

Winky and Wanda instead appear to be headed to the Columbus Zoo.

Kagan announced the sanctuary plan in May, citing evidence suggesting zoo enclosures of any size fail to meet elephants' extraordinary physical, social and intellectual needs. The voluntary decision to give up elephants primarily on ethical grounds drew widespread praise from the public and animal welfare groups.

The association, however, upheld a September directive by a committee charged with managing elephants in AZA-accredited institutions to send 51-year-old Winky and 45-year-old Wanda to Ohio.

## Country club racism

**KY** LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's Human Rights Commission can now investigate private country clubs to determine if they deny membership based on race, a right granted via a state Supreme Court ruling that examined the clubs' eligibility for tax deductions.

The commission already had the right to look into the practices of public clubs.

The go-ahead came from the high court, which settled a decade-long legal fight over the agency's effort to investigate such clubs.

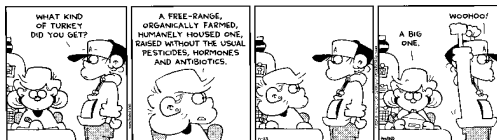
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Stories and photos from wire services



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Baby Bites



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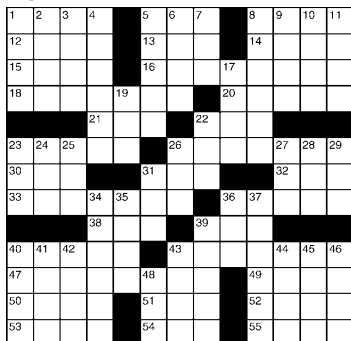
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



### Across

- 1 Mallard's cousin
- 5 Scoundrel
- 8 Summer cabin site
- 12 Cartoonist
- 13 "Tobacco Road" character
- 14 Samson port
- 15 Belligerent deity
- 16 Big scores in Vegas
- 18 Capital of Brandenburg
- 20 Restless
- 21 La-la precursor
- 22 Long March leader
- 23 Astronaut-turned-politician
- 26 Dulling influences
- 30 Thumbs-up vote
- 31 "Alley —"
- 32 Privy
- 33 Character
- 36 Distorted
- 38 Mimic
- 39 Mischief-maker
- 40 Texas A&M athlete
- 43 Winning and winning
- 47 Attendance check
- 49 Concept
- 50 Bender?
- 51 Doctor's due
- 52 Apparel
- 53 Gardener's starter
- 54 Youngster
- 55 Piccadilly statue

### Down

- 1 Snare
- 2 Franc replacer
- 3 Help a hood
- 4 Piece of instruction
- 5 Punjab potentate
- 6 Rib relinquisher
- 7 Middle X or O?
- 8 Convenient computer
- 9 Vulgate Bible bks.
- 10 Friends and neighbors
- 11 Hassle-free
- 12 Former Patriots' owner Victor
- 13 Chart
- 14 Separation
- 15 Caustic solution
- 16 Producer (Suff.)
- 26 "— good deed"
- 27 Wapiti
- 28 Beluga product
- 29 Ms. piggy?
- 31 Indivisible
- 34 Went like Columbus
- 35 Well-financed org.?
- 36 "I — lineman ..."
- 37 Elf
- 39 Bay
- 40 Clumsy craft
- 41 Vanished
- 42 Mirth
- 43 Bread spread
- 44 Skunk's defense
- 45 Toy block name
- 46 Colleen
- 48 Sternward

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



### 11-23

### CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT FISH IS GREAT, I GUESS YOU MIGHT DESCRIBE IT AS FINTASTIC.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals V

# Buying the ring a complicated thing

**Dear Abby:** "Deb in Knoxville" asked who should buy the ring if the woman proposes. I think the groom should buy the ring for the bride, and the bride should buy the ring for the groom, no matter who proposes. It should be their choice to each other.

— Joyful

**in Alpharetta, GA.**  
Dear Joyful: My ears are "ringing" from the many comments I've received regarding that letter. Read on:

**Dear Abby:** Your answer to "Deb in Knoxville" was right on. You advised her that the man is a gentleman, he should buy it. And if he refuses, she should enter the marriage with her eyes wide open and no illusions about what her future will be.

Even though my husband popped the question to me, he never bought me a ring. It was

an indication of what was to come. He is the world's worst cheapskate.

I can count on one hand the number of gifts he has given me over the years. He is equally withholding emotionally. When I was single, I never thought that such things were important in a relationship. I was wrong. It's been a lonely life.

**Dear Abby:** **Lonely in Dixie**  
Dear Lonely: In your case, the lack of gifts is less important than the absence of what they stand for. You have my sympathy.

**Dear Abby:** My girlfriend tells me that it is tradition that the man buys the woman a ring, and the woman buys the man a watch. What a great tradition! Have you heard of this?

— Bob in Chicago

**Dear Bob:** No, so I called Dawn Moore, the West Coast

regional director of *Chopard Jewelers*. She informed me that a wristwatch is the "traditional offering" from the woman to the man at the time of the engagement or the wedding.

(What a clever way of ensuring he makes it to the church on time!)

**Dear Abby:** "Deb in Knoxville" asked who should buy the ring if the woman proposes. You replied that you're old-fashioned, and the man should buy it if he's a gentleman. I disagree! If the woman asks, she should buy the ring. Not only that, but she should present that ring to him. What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

— Equal Opportunity Employer  
Dear Engager: Thank you for stating the opposing point of view.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69400, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

## Dear Abby



# Widow finds disturbing book

**Dear Annie:** My husband, "Lester," was killed in an auto accident last month. Yesterday, I finally received the last items from his car.

When I went through them, I found a paperback book that was disgusting, pornographic trash. The loss of my husband has been overwhelming, but finding this book was a new low.

I knew Lester was addicted to pornography. It affected our intimate life together because he was more interested in pornography than in me. Three years ago, a former high school classmate sent Lester topless pictures of herself, and he started e-mailing her. My trust evaporated, and our 14-year marriage was on the rocks. A marriage counselor helped us work through our problems, and Lester agreed there would be

## Annie's Mailbox



no more porn.

I thought our marriage was OK again, but after finding that X-rated garbage in his car, I have doubts that anything Lester ever said or did was true. Lester always told me he loved me. He told our friends he adored me. Now I think he may have been lying. Since he's not here to defend himself, how am I supposed to get through the pain of losing him so suddenly in the accident, and then losing him again through this betrayal?

— Heartbroken

**Dear Heartbroken:** This must have been quite a shock for you, and it no doubt turned your world upside down. Please don't look backward and relish everything Lester said and did in an effort to spot the lies.

Lester's behavior was, to a certain extent, beyond his con-

trol. It doesn't mean he wasn't trying or that he loved you any less. You need to have faith in that and forgive him. If you still cannot manage to do that, ask your doctor to refer you to a grief counselor.

**Dear Annie:** I wonder if you could answer a trivial question for me: On which side do you place the open end of the pillowcase when making up the bed? Does it go toward the outside or the inside? Thanks.

— Florida Flounder

**Dear Florida:** The open end goes toward the outer edge of the bed, where it can be seen. Many edges are embroidered and meant to be noticed. You're welcome.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers Column. Please e-mail your questions to [annie@familycircus.com](mailto:annie@familycircus.com), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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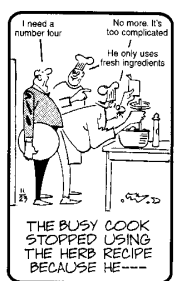
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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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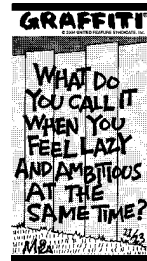
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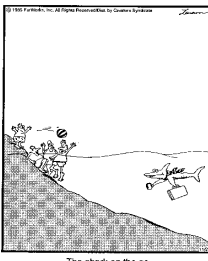


## Dennis the Menace



## © Gary Larson

## The Far Side



The shark on the go

## Non Sequitur



WELL, TELL ME ABOUT IT. I'VE BEEN THINKING OF OUR BOSS BEING TOO SPECIALIZED TO BE OUTSIDERIGHT SINCE HE ONLY THINKS ABOUT IT UNTIL IT HAPPENS...

Non Sequitur





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Chicago 10, Dallas 10	
Baltimore 30, St. Louis 17	
San Francisco 10, Cleveland 10	
Denver 34, New Orleans 13	
San Francisco 10, Jacksonville 10	
Carolina 35, Arizona 10	
Minnesota 19, Cincinnati 14	
Pittsburgh 22, Detroit 19	
Pittsburgh 19, Cincinnati 14	
Tampa Bay 35, San Francisco 30	
San Francisco 10, Philadelphia 10	
Atlanta 10, N.Y. Giants 10	
Green Bay at Houston	
Monday's games	
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Indianapolis at Kansas City	
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Sunday, Nov. 28	
Tennessee at Houston	
Tennessee at Pittsburgh	
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants	
Atlanta at Cincinnati	
San Diego at Kansas City	
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.	
Atlanta at Minnesota	
New Orleans at Atlanta	
San Francisco at Arizona	
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San Francisco at Oakland	
Sunday, Nov. 29	
St. Louis at Denver, 9 p.m.	

## College basketball

Men's Top 25 rated	
Rank	Team
1	Kansas (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Tuesday (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Yale, Monday.
2	Illinois (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois-Chicago, Monday.
3	North Carolina (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Brigham Young, Monday.
4	North Carolina (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.
5	Illinois (8-0) vs. Florida A&M, Next: vs. Oakland, Mich., Wednesday.
6	Kansas State (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, Tuesday.
7	Connecticut (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida International, Tuesday, Nov. 30.
8	Kentucky (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Tuesday.
9	Arizona (2-0) at Virginia, Next: vs. Michigan, Tuesday.
10	Utah (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Davidson, Tuesday.
11	Mississippi State (1-0) beat Nicholls State 69-56. Next: vs. Missouri, Kansas City, Tuesday.
12	Mississippi State (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay, Tuesday.

14	Louisville (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Monday.
15	Marquette (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Mercer, Tuesday.
16	Texas (1-0) did not play. Next: at Charlotte, Tuesday.
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24	Memphis (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Tuesday.
25	Gonzaga (1-0) vs. Montana, Next: vs. Idaho, Wednesday.

## Sunday's men's scores

EAST	
Gallaudet 62, Virginia 55	
Manhattan 75, St. Dakota 51	
New Hampshire 89, Suffolk 55	
Philadelphia 62, Thomas Aquinas 53	
SOUTH	
Trinity 60, St. Thomas Aquinas 53	
Mississippi 58, Nicholls 69	
WEST	
Kentucky 73, Dayton 66	
Northwest 69, St. Thomas Aquinas 53	
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## AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.

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## AFN-Sports, 1:30 p.m.

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14	Nashville (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Nashville, Tuesday.
15	Marquette (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Mercer, Tuesday.
16	Texas (1-0) did not play. Next: at Charlotte, Tuesday.
17	Texas (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Richmond, Tuesday.
18	Alabama (1-0) vs. North Texas, Next: at Alabama, Tuesday.
19	North Carolina State (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Tuesday.
20	Wake Forest (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Tuesday.
21	Wisconsin (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Tuesday.
22	Washington (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Tuesday.
23	Florida (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Tuesday.
24	Memphis (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Tuesday.
25	Gonzaga (1-0) vs. Montana, Next: vs. Idaho, Wednesday.

## Sunday's men's scores

EAST	
Gallaudet 62, Virginia 55	
Manhattan 75, St. Dakota 51	
New Hampshire 89, Suffolk 55	
Philadelphia 62, Thomas Aquinas 53	
SOUTH	
Trinity 60, St. Thomas Aquinas 53	
Mississippi 58, Nicholls 69	
WEST	
Kentucky 73, Dayton 66	
Northwest 69, St. Thomas Aquinas 53	
Wright 57, Brown 41	

## AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m.

Maui Invitational quarterfinal, Texas at Kansas.	
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## AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.

Maui Invitational quarterfinal, Iowa vs. Louisville at Lanihau, Hawaii.	
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## AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.

Duke at Davidson.	
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## AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.

ESPN NFL Network.	
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## AFN-Atlantic, AFN-Radio Oklahoma/Korea, 10 a.m.

College basketball: Young's vs. North Carolina at Lanihau, Hawaii.	
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## AFN-Sports, 1:30 p.m.

College basketball: Maui Invitational quarterfinal, Stanford vs. Kansas City.	
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## AFN-Sports, 3:15 p.m.

NASCAR Nextel Cup (40).	
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## AFN-Pacific/Korea, 7 p.m.

NFL: New England at Kansas City (40).	
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## AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.



# Busch races to Nextel Cup title

By Mike Harris

The Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Kurt Busch overcame a broken wheel early in Sunday's race and came back to win the closest championship in NASCAR history.

Busch had to go into overtime to win it, with a late caution flag forcing NASCAR to run four extra laps to finish the race under a green flag. It made no difference, though, as Busch held on to finish fifth and wrap up the Nextel Cup title by just eight points over Jimmie Johnson and 16 over Jeff Gordon.

The new champion came into the season-ending Ford 400 leading Johnson by 18 points and Gordon by 21. It looked as if that might not be enough when the right front wheel broke on his Roush Racing Ford, nearly putting him into the wall separating the pit lane from the racetrack on the 93rd of 271 laps at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Somewhat, Busch kept his car on the wall, made a stop for repairs and managed to stay with the leaders, finally fighting his way back. That was just good

enough for the 26-year-old driver to win his first Cup title. The closest previous 1-2 finish came in 1992 when Alan Kulicki beat Bill Elliott by 10 points.

"It's an unbelievable day," Busch said. "This is what a team does to win a championship. They persevere on a day such as this."

"All year long we've done things like this, whether we put ourselves in a hole or had a small problem. I just can't believe we were able to overcome all that turmoil today."

The championship battle was too close to call through most of the race, with the lead changing several times — sometimes on consecutive laps. At one point, with 75 laps remaining, the top four drivers were separated by only nine points.

Johnson and four-time champion Gordon gave it everything they had, finishing second and third after Greg Biffle grabbed the lead on a restart on lap 270 and held off Johnson in the last race in playoff-style championship.

"With the 97 behind me there at the end, I knew the champion-



**26-year-old Kurt Busch picked up his first NASCAR championship Sunday. Said Busch: "It's an unbelievable day. This is what a team does to win a championship."**

ship was out of the question and I was just racing Jeff for second," said Johnson, who had won four of the last five races coming into the finale.

Gordon failed to lead a lap in the race and said he knew he didn't have the car to win.

"We gave it a heck of an effort," Gordon said. "We had a flat left rear that really got us behind and

we fought all day long. We struggled a little bit there at the beginning and got better and better." Busch had to overcome mistakes and mechanical failures several times during the Chase for the Nextel Cup championship but won the title by being the most consistent of the contenders, finishing in the top 10 in nine of the 10 events.

# Woods ends drought with win in Japan

The Associated Press

MIYAZAKI, Japan — Tiger Woods won his first stroke-play tournament in more than a year Sunday, capturing the Dunlop Phoenix by eight strokes after closing with a 3-under-par 67.

Woods entered the final round with a 10-stroke lead and had five birdies to finish at 16-under 264 in the \$1.89 million event, the richest on the Japan tour.

This was Woods' second title this year following the Match Play Championship in February. The last time he won stroke-play tournament was in October 2003.

"I feel great," said Woods, who began the first round. "To have won on this course and at this event with all the great past champions is a great feeling."

Woods, who overhauled his swing this year, lost his No. 1 ranking to Vijay Singh two months ago, had gone a career-high 20 stroke-play tournaments without a victory. He dismissed the notion he has been in a slump.

"I hasn't been that long since I won," he said. "The last three or four months I've been close to winning. Going through all the changes I've made with my golf swing, it was just a matter of time."

Japan's Ryosuke Kanagishi shot a 65 to finish at 272 while South Korea's K.J. Choi also had a 65 for 274.

Woods recorded his first birdie on the par-3 No. 3 when he hit a

## Golf roundup

7-iron to 2 feet. He birdied Nos. 8 and 9 before adding two more on Nos. 13 and 16.

Woods, who won for the first time in Japan, finished eighth in this tournament two years ago. In other appearances in Japan, he was 15th at the Casio World Open in 1998 and second at the 2001 World Cup, when he paired with David Duval.

Woods said he wasn't concerned that a victory on the Japan tour won't be considered important in some circles.

"But just like I played here with four solid rounds is enough for me," he said. "I don't worry about sending messages, I'm just very excited about the prospects for next year because of the way I played here."

Woods has now won titles in 10 countries.

"I think it's important to be a world player," he said.

## England wins World Cup title

SEVILLE, Spain — Paul Casey putted exceptionally well and teamed with Luke Donald to lead England to the World Cup title Sunday with a one-stroke victory over Spain.

The two combined for an 8-under-par 64 and had a total of 31-under-257 at Real Club de Golf de Sevilla. The Spanish team of Sergio Garcia and Miguel Angel Jimenez closed with a 66.

The Irish team of Pádraig Harrington and Paul McGinley finished with a 65 for third, three strokes behind England. Defending champion South Africa with Rory Sabbatini and Trevor Immelman shot 68 to finish six behind.

The Netherlands (68) and Austria (67) finished eight back. The United States, featuring Scott Verplank and Bob Tway, shot a 72 and was 10 behind, along with Sweden (72) and Germany (68).

Sunday's format was the more difficult alternate shot, with Casey and Donald splitting the \$1.4 million first-place money.

Garcia and Jimenez started a stroke ahead of England and despite support from almost 16,000 fans were unable to defeat their English playing partners.

Spain was a stroke behind England after 15 holes, but on the 16th Jimenez pushed a poor tee shot into rough just short of lake, and Garcia dumped his approach into the water on the par-5 hole. The Spanish took a bogey 6.

Garcia missed a 5-foot putt to save par — to end their chances. England birdied the hole.

## Sorenstam wins 8th title of year

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Annika Sorenstam didn't win any style points, just another trophy. Sorenstam outlasted Cristie Kerr in an intense duel Sunday at the season-ending ADT Championship, beating her with a bogey on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff to win for the eighth time this year.

"I was so nervous the last two holes," Sorenstam said. "I wanted to do it so badly."

Sorenstam birdied the 16th hole to catch Kerr, and missed a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th that tied to the third playoff in the nine-year history of the tournament.

Kerr, who had made a bogey in 44 holes, hit a marginal drive that left her a 7-wood into the 18th green in the playoff. Off a sidehill lie, she pushed it badly into the water, then missed the green with a sand wedge and wound up with a double bogey.

Once Kerr was in the water, Sorenstam only needed to hit the green. Instead, she pulled it left and hit a spectator, keeping the outcome in doubt for a while longer. Sorenstam chipped down to 5 feet above the hole, and when Kerr tapped in for double bogey, the Swede only had to two-putt to win.

So ended another spectacular year for Sorenstam — eight victories, just over \$2.5 million and more evidence that she is the most dominant player in golf.

It was her 56th career victory, moving Sorenstam past Betsy Rawls and into fifth place. Her next target is Louisa Suga (58), with the record 88 victories by Kathy Whitworth still a long way off.

Both players finished at 13-under 275 and had a chance to win in regulation.

Karrie Webb and Carin Koch each shot 69 and finished third at 280.

# Federer extends streak

By Michael A. Lutiz

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Federer won a record-tying 38-point tiebreaker after rallying from a 4-4 deficit in the second set to defeat Marat Safin 6-3, 7-6 (18) Saturday in the semifinals of the ATP Masters Cup.

The tiebreaker lasted 26½ minutes and was the third to reach 20-18 since the system started in 1970. Premit Lal won a tiebreaker by almost scoring against Bjorn Borg in the first round at Wimbledon in 1973, and Goran Ivanisevic did the same against Daniel Nestor in the first round of the 1993 U.S. Open.

"I'm happy to win that tiebreaker; it was very special," Federer said. "That was really fun. It was going back and forth and there were only big points. The level of play was very high. It's not like we were giving each other those points. The whole match was great."

The top-ranked Federer will play for his 11th title of the year on Sunday against Lleyton Hewitt, who won the final 20 points against a defeated Andy Roddick 6-3, 6-2.

Federer extended his record against top 10 opponents to 22-0 dating to last year's Masters Cup, but it wasn't easy.

After rallying to force the tiebreaker, Federer fought off six set points and wasted seven match points, but the Swiss star finally ended it on his eighth match point, when 2000 U.S. Open champion Safin saved a forehand long. Safin's double-fault set up that last point.

"I'm already happy with the tournament," Federer said. "I came in not sure of how it would be because of the injury, and I hadn't played in a while, but I've won all my round-robin games and if I could win back-to-back championships, that would be fantastic."

Safin broke Federer in the second game of the second set and moved on to a 4-1 lead. Federer held the fourth game after fighting off two break points and then broke Safin in the seventh game on Safin's forehand error.

"I was probably going for too much because I knew I have Roger Federer on the other side, so I had to do something extra," Safin said. "I didn't really make any huge mistakes in the tiebreaker, but I was a little bit nervous. I had to wait more for a good opportunity."

"Otherwise I don't regret anything from the tiebreak. I knew I have Roger Federer on the other side, so I had to do something extra," Safin said. "I didn't really make any huge mistakes in the tiebreaker, but I was a little bit nervous. I had to wait more for a good opportunity."

Hewitt trailed 2-1 in the second set and was serving when he took complete control, holding at love and saving two break points at the rest of the way.

Roddick went into that match determined to volley more than he usually does, but that didn't quite pan out. Hewitt, like Roddick a former year-end No. 1 and U.S. Open champion, improved to 4-1 against the American.

# Defending champ UConn rolls in opener

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Eneke Okafor and Ben Gordon are gone, but Connecticut's latest inside-outside combination showed it can be just as potent.

Rashad Anderson scored 23 points, hitting 4 of 9 from 3-point range, and Josh Boone got all his 18 points from the paint in the Huskies' 90-68 win over Buffalo on Saturday night.

## Top 25 roundup

It was the season opener for both teams as the No. 8 Huskies began defense of their NCAA title, overpowering Buffalo early with strong post play and a crisp transition game.

The Huskies wasted little time putting this one away. Boone and Anderson combined for 11 points in UConn's opening 13-2 run.

"We really jumped into them, took away their dribble screens and offense that they run so well," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "Obviously, we did a wonderful job of that in the first half."

Buffalo, a preseason favorite in the Mid-American Conference, didn't make consecutive baskets until there were five minutes left in their half. The Huskies led by as many as 24 and took a 47-24 lead at halftime, holding the Bulls to 25.8 percent shooting.

**No. 9 Kentucky 77, Coppin St. 46:** New guards Patrick Sparks and Rajon Rondo combined for 21 points and led a strong defensive effort for

host Kentucky.

Chuck Hayes added 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Wildcats, who are 87-15 in home games, including 26-3 in Rupp Arena.

Sparks scored nine of his 12 points in the first half, when Kentucky took a 40-18 lead. Sparks also added five rebounds and three assists.

Sparks and Rondo — one of four heralded Kentucky freshmen — keyed a defensive effort that forced 22 Coppin State turnovers. Rondo finished with nine points and five steals.

**No. 11 Duke 88, Tennessee-Martin 46:** In Durham, J.J. Redick and Daniel Ewing each had 20 points to help Duke win its season opener.

Sheldon Williams added 13 points and 15 rebounds, and Shavlik Randolph scored 11 for the Blue Devils, who broke open a fairly tight game at the half to open coach Mike Krzyzewski's 25th season in style.

With only eight recruited players — including freshmen David McClure and DeMarcus Nelson — Duke was picked to finish fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference behind Wake Forest, North Carolina and Georgia Tech. They played down to those expectations for most of the first half, leading 39-25 after shooting only 32 percent — including 4-of-16 on 3-pointers.

**No. 14 Louisville 89, BYU-Hawaii 79:** Taquan Dean and Larry O'Bannon each scored 18 points for Louisville, who came from behind on the road in preparation for next week's Maui Invitational.

The game also marked the return of Louisville coach Rick Pitino to Ha-

wai. Pitino began his coaching career at Hawaii as a graduate assistant in 1974-75 and was an assistant coach in 1975-76.

The Cardinals rallied from a 45-38 second-half deficit behind tough defense and the scoring of Dean, who had 11 of his 18 points in the final 20 minutes. Louisville forced 24 turnovers and scored 15 points off 12 turnovers in the second half.

Louisville faces Iowa in the first round of the tournament Monday at the Lahaina Civic Center.

**No. 17 Pittsburgh 81, Howard 55:** In Pittsburgh, Chevon Troutman scored 18 points and the Panthers showed off a new look offensively in their season opening victory.

Pittsburgh started three regulars from last season's 31-win team, but it was freshman Ronald Ramon who added a different twist to a team that relied on a physical defense while making made three successful trips to the NCAA round of 16. He quickly hit three 3-pointers against a pulled-back Howard defense to help the Panthers build a 40-15 halftime lead.

**No. 21 Wisconsin 77, Penn 44:** Mike Wilkinson scored the first two of his 19 points in the second half and Brian Butch had a memorable debut for host Wisconsin.

Butch, a 6-foot-11 redshirt freshman who spent last season bulking up, had 10 points and four rebounds. Wilkinson, the only returning starter for the Badgers, added 11 rebounds.

Tim Repley led the Quakers (1-2) with 19 points, eight boards and five assists.

Connecticut's Charlie Villanueva (3) dunks over Buffalo's Yassin Ididhi during the first half of the Huskies' 90-68 win Saturday in Storrs, Conn.

## Sweet night: Wright scores decision over Mosley to retain titles

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Shane Mosley made the rematch closer, while Winky Wright made sure the result was the same.

Wright used his right jab to pile up points early in the fight, then held on to win a majority decision by the closest of margins Saturday night to retain his WBA and WBC light-middleweight titles in a

hard-fought bout.

The fight was strikingly similar to the first between the two in March, when the underdog Wright controlled the action from the outside and won a decision. In the rematch, though, Mosley landed well inside against the favored Wright and the fight was still in doubt going into the final round.

Wright won the final round on two of the three scorecards and the fight by a 115-113 margin on two scorecards. The third judge had it 114-114.

The fight was so close that had

Mosley won the last round on one other scorecard, it would have been a majority draw.

### Mets, Benson agree to terms

NEW YORK — Kris Benson and the New York Mets completed more than three months of negotiations, agreeing Saturday to a \$22.5 million, three-year contract.

Benson's deal includes a \$2.5 million signing bonus and a \$7.5 million club option for 2008 with a \$500,000 buyout. If the option is exercised, the contract would be

worth \$29.5 million over four seasons.

The deal is subject to Benson completing a physical, which is scheduled for Monday in New York.

New York wouldn't confirm the agreement, only that it asked Benson to have a physical. Contract details were provided by a person with knowledge of the negotiations who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Benson was acquired by New York from Pittsburgh on July 30. He went 4-4 with a 4.50 ERA in 11

starts with the Mets, leaving his record at 12-12 with a 4.31 ERA.

### Moses strikes gold in World Cup opener

DURBAN, South Africa — World record holder Ed Moses of the United States won his second event in as many days, capturing the 100-meter breaststroke Sunday — the final day of the opening event of swimming's World Cup season.

Moses — who holds the world short-course records for the 100 and the 200 — won the 200 on Saturday.

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# Wisconsin can't smell the roses

BY JEFF POTRYKUS  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

IOWA CITY, Iowa — In their minds, they could see Pasadena as they took the field Saturday afternoon at Kinnick Stadium.

They could smell the roses. University of Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez had informed his players that Ohio State had just finished off first-place Michigan, setting the stage for the Badgers to steal a share of the Big Ten Conference title and return to the Rose Bowl.

All they needed was a victory over Iowa.

Instead of blossoming, the ninth-ranked Badgers wilted, like a beautiful rose that succumbs to the first hard frost.

The hard reality for Wisconsin was this: Led by a remarkable defense and an opportunistic offense, the 17th-ranked Hawkeyes mauling the Badgers in every facet imaginable, 30-7, to take the share of the Big Ten title the Badgers so desperately wanted.

"There's really nothing that I can say," junior wide receiver Brandon Williams said. "We lost the game. We lost the Rose Bowl. We lost the co-champs. A lot of stuff we lost today."

Although several bowl bids won't be finalized until Tuesday, Wisconsin (9-2, 6-2 Big Ten) likely is bound for the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1 in Tampa, Fla., thanks to its third-place finish.

The Badgers should face a quality opponent from the Southeastern Conference. Yet from now until Jan. 1, they'll probably reflect how they threw away a Big Ten title and a trip to Pasadena with consecutive losses to Michigan State and Iowa.

Meanwhile, Michigan (9-2, 7-1) is set to go to play in the Rose Bowl.

Iowa (9-2, 7-1), which lost to Michigan earlier this season, should receive a bid to the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 1 in Orlando, Fla. "A nine-win season is a pretty good year," Alvarez said. "We were sitting there with other opportunities, so it's depressing you don't take advantage of those."



Wisconsin's Booker Stanley and the rest of the Badgers were pursued Saturday by Iowa in their pursuit of a Rose Bowl bid.



Utah head coach Urban Meyer is lifted up by fans after defeating BYU 52-21 Saturday in Salt Lake City.

# Utah major bowl buster

## Non-BCS team likely to get invite to Fiesta

BY CHRIS DUFRESNE  
Los Angeles Times

SALT LAKE CITY — The day started with snowflakes dropping from the sky and ended with flying tortillas.

Only Utah could have made that happen.

Six years after the Bowl Championship Series was created, No. 5 Utah almost certainly became the first team from a non-BCS conference to earn a major-bowl bid Saturday night when it defeated Brigham Young, 52-21, before a crowd of 45,326 at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

Utah improved to 11-0 with the historic victory and is likely headed to Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl against an opponent yet to be determined.

"We are gonna get our shot to go to the BCS and play with the big boys," Utah quarterback Alex Smith said.

Never mind that small details still have to be worked out and that the behind-the-scenes action Saturday night was almost as good as Utah's high-powered offense — especially when you tossed in the prospect of Utah Coach Urban Meyer possibly leaving the school to coach at Florida.

"We're going to talk about the University of Utah tonight," Meyer said.

There was never much doubt Utah would take care of on-field business against BYU (5-6), although it was only a 21-14 game at halftime.

The Utes, though, sealed their BCS coronation with a 31-point second-half outburst.

"We didn't let the BCS dictate how we played," senior safety Morgan Scallie said. "We did a good job living in a cave the last 11 weeks."

As the game drew to a close and fans started to surround the field with chants of "BCS! BCS!" power brokers in multicolored bowl jackets prowled in the background to settle the legal issues that could have crushed Utah's BCS dreams.

As Mountain West Conference champion, Utah is contractually bound to play in the Liberty Bowl. The BCS, however, had independently crafted bylaws in which a non-BCS team would earn an automatic bid to a major bowl if it finished No. 6 or better in the BCS standings.

Up until game time, Liberty Bowl Executive Director Steve Ehrhart announced he was right he was going to release Utah to the BCS.

Afterward, though, Ehrhart capitulated and said he could not deny Utah its historic chance at a \$4-million BCS game.

In reality, given the frenzy, there was no way Ehrhart could have marched to the field and pointed to the fine print of his Liberty Bowl contract with the Mountain West Conference.

In a postgame news conference, Ehrhart announced he was right he was going to release Utah to the BCS. "Believe me, it was close," Ehrhart said of his decision.

Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson said, "An agreement is in place, I don't want to get into the particulars."

A best-case scenario for the Liberty Bowl would be for Western Athletic Conference champion Boise State to finish unbeaten and replace Utah in an attractive matchup against No. 8 Louisville.

This would require the WAC's releasing Boise State and being financially compensated.

Thompson said the Mountain West's deal with the Liberty Bowl had nothing to do with Boise State.

Nothing in the BCS will be official until all games are played and the final BCS standings are released on Dec. 5.

The Utes started the day at No. 6 in the BCS and basically became a lock to stay there after No. 7 Michigan, the only team with a chance of knocking Utah out, lost to Ohio State.

If California beats Southern Mississippi on Dec. 4, the Golden Bears probably will clinch the other BCS at-large berth and play in the Rose Bowl while Utah is likely bound for Tempe, Ariz. — although the Sugar Bowl could take Utah in certain scenarios.

Fiesta Bowl officials have been scouting Utah all season knowing there was a chance the Utes would drop into their game.

Other "coalition" teams have made runs at the BCS in the last six years but fallen short — which prompted protests from non-BCS conferences and the threat of litigation. Tulane finished undefeated in 1998 but finished only 10th in the BCS standings. Marshall finished 12th in 1999.

John Junker, the Fiesta Bowl's executive director, said Utah was "the most credible team to come out of that group."

# No. 2 Tigers turn Tide in second half

BY JOHN ZENOR  
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Jason Campbell looked every bit the Heisman Trophy contender and No. 2 Auburn certainly played like a national championship contender — at least in the second half.

The Tigers' 21-13 victory over Alabama (6-5, 3-5) wound up as a survival contest instead of a hoped-for statement game, and left coach Tommy Tuberville lobbying for his team.

This is the Iron Bowl and that's what it should be like," Tuberville said. "People will say, 'They struggled,' and most people who vote haven't been at this game before."

Still, the question is will an impressive final 30 minutes be enough to cancel out a 6-0 half-time deficit and lackluster start in the minds of poll voters. The Tigers (11-0, 8-0 Southeastern Conference) were tied for No. 2 with Oklahoma in the AP Top 25, but third in the Bowl Championship Series standings behind the second-place Oklahoma, which beat Baylor 35-0, and No. 1 Southern California.

Again, Tuberville had strong opinions on the matter: "We should be top one — but we'd take two."

Instead of touting their dominance, the Auburn players pointed to their mistakes — something they haven't needed much of this season.

"When we were down, no one panicked or pointed fingers," said tailback Carnell Williams, who had 44th touchdown run broke Bo Jackson's school record.

"We weren't concerned," said Campbell, who passed for most of his 224 yards after halftime and finished 18-for-24.

He then celebrated by waving an Auburn flag in front of the visiting fans section while several teammates stomped on a homemade Alabama banner. But their dream destination, the Orange Bowl, loomed over the celebration, with fans tossing about a dozen oranges onto the field.



Auburn running back Carnell Williams (24) helped the Tigers run past Alabama to finish the regular season undefeated.

# Ravens Boller over Dallas in 2nd half

By DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Undaunted by a first half in which the Baltimore Ravens failed to score against the struggling Dallas Cowboys, Kyle Boller spoke confidently to his offense about staging a comeback.

Then he went out and made it happen.

Showing the poise and leadership of a rapidly maturing quarterback, Boller threw two touchdown passes in the third quarter, and the Ravens rolled to a 30-10 victory Sunday.

"We kind of got stalled in the first half, but that's the beauty of a four-quarter game," said Boller, who fashioned the comeback without injured running back Jamal Lewis. "I just rallied the guys and told them we still got two quarters, so let's go out and score 21 points."

With help from Baltimore's opportunistic defense, the Ravens (7-3) used a 30-point second half to pull away from their third straight win. After being criticized earlier in the season for his erratic play, Boller went 25-for-34 for 252 yards in his third straight game without an interception.

Another young quarterback also played a part in the game. Dallas rookie Drew Henson was inserted in place of injured starter Vinny Testaverde in the fourth quarter. Henson's first NFL play over center resulted in a fumble that Baltimore converted into a touchdown.

"It felt good to see him go in," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said,



Baltimore Ravens running back Chester Taylor, right, dives over the goal line for a touchdown during Sunday's fourth quarter.

"But I liked to choke when I saw him on the first play."

"Those are the kinds of things you don't want to happen."

Henson rebounded to lead the Cowboys (3-7) on a touchdown

drive in the waning minutes and finished 6-for-6 for 47 yards, including a 1-yard TD pass to Jeff Robinson with 40 seconds left. But Parcells would not speculate who would start Thursday

against the Chicago Bears, saying he wanted to see the severity of Testaverde's injured right shoulder before making a decision.

Henson would love the chance. "We'll see how Vinny feels, if he can come back. If not I'll be prepared," he said. "As bad as today was, I was able to take something away and have something to build towards Thursday if need be."

Lewis, the defending NFL rushing champion, left in the first quarter with an ankle injury after gaining 5 yards on two carries.

Lewis roamed the sideline in uniform during the second half, but the Ravens evidently didn't want to risk further injury to his tender left knee.

He wasn't needed, because Boller and the Baltimore defense were too much for Dallas.

Trailing 3-0, Baltimore finally scored on its second drive of the third quarter. Boller went 6-for-7 on a 78-yard drive that included three passes to tight end Darnell Dinkins — two for first downs and a 17-yard touchdown.

Ed Reed intercepted a pass by Testaverde on the next play from scrimmage, and the Ravens went up 14-3 when Boller completed a 63-yard drive with a 31-yard TD pass to tight end Johnson.

Testaverde went 9-for-22 for 109 yards and two interceptions.

Henson came in and promptly lost his grip on the ball while being chased by Marques Douglas. Henson recovered and a Dallas 1, and Chester Taylor scored from there to make it 30-3.



Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) is sacked by Cincinnati Bengals linemen Kevin Hardy, one of Cincinnati's seven sacks Sunday.

## Steelers win eighth straight

By JOE KAY

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Jerome Bettis and Pittsburgh's defense made quite a posse.

Bettis ran for 129 yards and the Steelers' blitzing defense created havoc Sunday, setting up a 19-14 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals that kept the NFL's longest winning streak growing.

Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger played like a rookie, so the 32-year-old running back and the old-style defense bailed him out in Pittsburgh's eighth straight win. The Steelers are 9-1 for the first time since 1978, when they won their third Super Bowl in five years.

"Everybody expects us to be flawless," Bettis said.

"Sometimes you're not going to have your best game. That's when you have to find a way to win."

They took an old, familiar path: run the ball and let the defense do the rest, taking the pressure off the kid quarterback.

This time around, Roethlisberger looked much more like a green rookie than black-and-gold legend.

The Bengals (4-6) came at him from all sides, had a season-high seven sacks and forced him to make poor decisions. Three times, he scuttled scoring chances by taking sacks, grounding the ball or fumbling.

"On a lot of the sacks, I take the blame," said Roethlisberger, who was 15-of-21 for 138 yards, but lost 54 yards on sacks. "I wasn't flustered, just disappointed in my play. But it's a sign of a good team when you can win when you don't play well."

With Duce Staley sidelined a third straight game because of a nose hamstring, Bettis came through with his third straight triple-digit game. He repeatedly bowled over tacklers during his 11th 100-yard performance against the Bengals, and he moved ahead of Tony Dorsett for fifth place on the NFL's career rushing list.

## Martin ties record, helps Jets grind out win over Browns

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Curtis Martin's injured knee wouldn't let him play. His heart wouldn't let him quit.

Knowing he was too hurt to be effective, Martin still wanted to be in the huddle as the Jets attempted to rally in the fourth quarter.

So he went to New York coach Herman Edwards and asked a favor.

"I said, 'Just let me go in there, let me look the offensive linemen in the eye and see if we can't get this thing going,'" Martin said.

One week after mismanaging the game clock, the Jets beat it as Quincy Carter threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Justin McCareins with 2:35 remaining to give New York (7-3) an ugly 10-7 win over the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

He sacked six times and under pressure all afternoon, Carter completed a crucial third-and-11 pass to McCareins, who stretched out to pick up the first down at Cleveland's 24. After a 13-yard pass to Santana Moss, Carter again saw McCareins, who stepped out of cornerback Michael Lehan's tackle and scored.

Martin rushed for 88 yards in 17 carries. In the first quarter, he went over 1,000 this season, joining Hall of Famer Barry Sanders as the only players in NFL history to begin their careers with 10 straight 1,000-yard seasons.

**Bills 37, Rams 17:** Drew Bledsoe answered his critics by hitting tight end Mark Campbell for three touchdowns, and Nate Clements returned a punt 86 yards for a score at home.

It was a dominating effort by a Buffalo team

(4-6) that has won four straight at home, but was coming off its worst outing of the season, a 29-6 loss at New England.

Bledsoe answered those calling for rookie J.P. Losman to take over as starter, going 15-of-24 for 185 yards. His only blemish was an interception off Lee Evans' hand in the first quarter.

**Vikings 22, Lions 19:** In Minneapolis, Dante Culpepper guided the Vikings on another second-half comeback, and this time the defense was good enough to make the rally count.

The Vikings, ending a three-game losing streak, shut out Detroit in the second half and overcame a 12-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat the sliding Lions.

Culpepper completed 22 of 32 passes for 233 yards, two touchdowns and an interception for Minnesota (6-4), which wounded Joe Harrison in the second half.

**Titans 18, Jaguars 15:** In Jacksonville, Steve McNair returned to the lineup for the first time in a month, throwing a touchdown pass and directing two other scoring drives.

McNair finished 18-of-30 for 209 yards despite showing signs of rust. The reigning league co-MVP bruised his chest Sept. 26 against Jacksonville and aggravated the injury a month later against Minnesota.

He led a 59-yard touchdown drive in 37 seconds that put the Titans (4-6) ahead 16-15, and then ran for the 2-point conversion.

**Broncos 34, Saints 13:** In New Orleans, Reuben Droughns ran for 166 yards and a score, Jake Plummer threw for 224 yards and the Broncos stayed atop the AFC West.

The Broncos (7-3) have gone 12-12 to close out the last three seasons, but looked strong coming off their bye week. Denver had 389 yards in offense and held the Saints to one

touchdown.

New Orleans (4-6) has dropped five of its last seven games, mainly because of a defense that is allowing almost 30 points a game.

**Colts 41, Bears 10:** In Chicago, Edgerrin James punished the Bears' defense with 204 yards on 23 carries, and Peyton Manning threw four more touchdown passes.

The Colts (7-3) feasted on five Chicago turnovers, four by shut rookie quarterback Greg Krenzel, who lost two fumbles and threw two interceptions as the Bears' three-game winning streak ended with a thud.

James, whose career best is 219 yards set in 2000 against Seattle, scored on an 11-yard TD run with 42 seconds to go in the third quarter to make it 41-3. He sat out the final quarter, as did Manning, who now has 35 TD passes, 13 shy of Dan Marino's NFL record set in 1984.

**Buccaners 35, 49ers 3:** In Tampa, Joe Jurevicius scored his first touchdowns since last year's season opener, getting into the end zone twice on passes from Brian Griese.

The victory was the fourth in six games after an 0-4 start for Tampa Bay (4-6). The 49ers (1-9) have lost five straight and were held to just 197 yards offense, with Tim Lincecum being sacked five times and turning the ball over twice.

**Panthers 33, Cardinals 10:** In Charlotte, Nick Gonsky ran for 121 yards and three first-half scores and the Panthers jumped out to a 28-point halftime lead.

Muhsin Muhammad added two TD catches, the first with just 2 seconds left before halftime, for the Panthers (7-1) — who won their first home game of the season.

Larry Fitzgerald had a touchdown catch for the Cardinals (4-6), who couldn't overcome a first half of turnovers and penalties.

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# Artest suspended for season

## NBA penalizes 9 players for brawl; Pacers' Jackson out for 30 games

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ron Artest was suspended for the rest of the season Sunday as the NBA came down hard on three members of the Indiana Pacers for fighting with fans when a melee broke out at the end of a game against the Detroit Pistons.

Overall, nine players from the teams were banned for 143 games, including some of the harshest penalties the league ever issued.

Artest is the first player to be suspended for nearly an entire season for a fight during a game.

Indiana's Stephen Jackson was suspended for 30 games and Jermaine O'Neal for 25. Detroit's Ben Wallace — whose shove of Artest after a foul led to the 5-minute fracas — drew a six-game ban, while Pacers



Ron Artest

guard Johnson and Anthony Johnson got five games. Four players were suspended for a game apiece: Indiana's Reggie Miller, and Detroit's Chauncey Billups, Elden Campbell and Derrick Coleman. All of the suspensions are without pay.

Artest, O'Neal and Jackson — who all threw punches at fans in the stands or on the court at the end of the nationally televised Pacers-Pistons game Friday night — began serving their suspensions Saturday.

Indiana, limited to just six players because of the suspensions and injuries, dropped an 86-83 decision to Orlando.

"The actions of the players involved wild-

ly exceeded the professionalism and self-control that should fairly be expected from NBA players," NBA commissioner David Stern said in a statement, adding that the league must not "allow our sport to be debased by what seem to be declining expectations."

The NBA also has to "redefine the bounds of acceptable conduct for fans attending our games and resolve to permanently exclude those who overstep those bounds," Stern said.

He added that security procedures in all NBA arenas will be reviewed and rules need to be added to prevent a repeat of what happened at Auburn Hills, Mich., on Friday.

The brawl was particularly violent, with Artest and Jackson bolting into the stands near center court and throwing punches at fans after debris was tossed at the players.

Later, fans who came onto the court were punched in the face by Artest and O'Neal.

Nine people were treated for injuries, and police are investigating possible criminal charges.

Wallace began the fracas by delivering a hard, two-handed shove to Artest after Wallace was fouled on a drive to the basket with 45.9 seconds remaining. After the fight ended, the referees called off the rest of the game.

The initial skirmish wasn't all that bad, with Artest retreating to the scorer's table and lying atop it after Wallace sent him reeling backward. But when a fan tossed a cup at Artest, he stormed into the stands, throwing punches as he climbed over seats.

Jackson joined Artest and threw punches at fans, who punched back. At one point, a chair was tossed into the fray.

## Busch hangs on for Nextel Cup Championship



Kurt Busch waves a flag from his Ford as he takes a victory lap after winning the 2004 Nextel Cup Championship, Sunday at the Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. Greg Biffle won the race. Busch finished fifth in the Ford 400 to clinch the title. See story on Page 25.

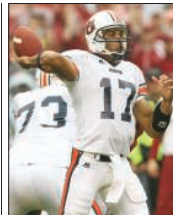
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